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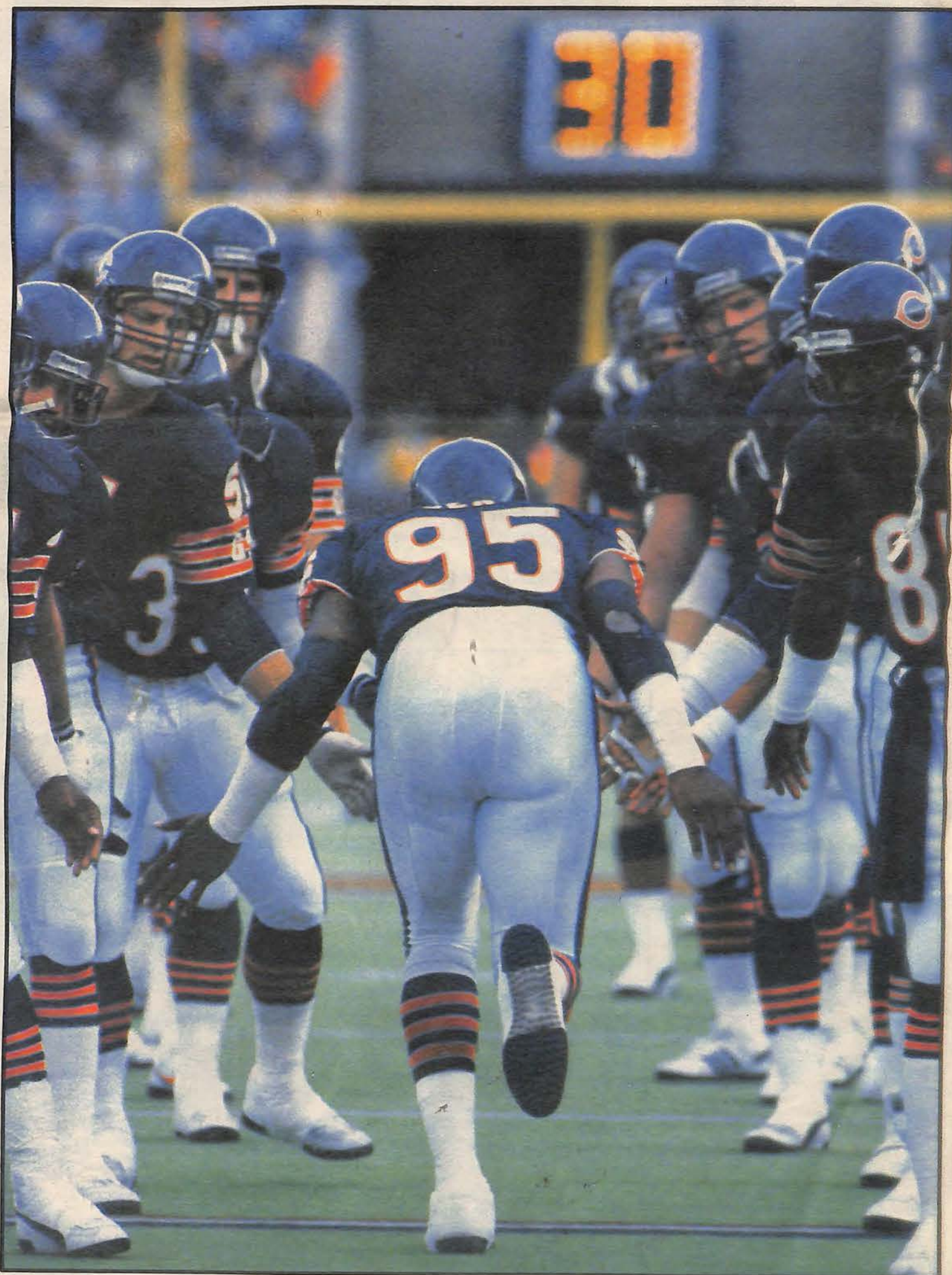
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Richard Dent goes through
a weekly ritual for Bear play-
ers before a Sunday game.
(Bear Report photo by Steve
Woltmann)

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When Bears control the ball their game comes together

In Sunday's game against Detroit the Bears proved how important ball control is to their game plan.

Chicago held on to the ball for over 41 minutes in the game. Not only did that keep Detroit's offense from having any scoring opportunities, but it also kept the Bear defense off the field.

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And that's the key to their success. In 1985 when the Bear defense crushed everyone, they were always fresh because the offense could control the clock.

The Bears scored 30 points against the Lions and won easily. A week earlier, they scored 29 points against Denver and lost. The difference was the time of possession. The Bears took their time scoring against Detroit, which is the name of the game.

Another reason the defense is back is the play of Ron Rivera and Richard Dent. Rivera had another excellent game filling in for Otis

Wilson at outside linebacker. I really like the way he's playing the position. He doesn't have a lot of speed, but he's always in the right spot to make the play. And that's 95 percent of the game.

Dent played very well and got a couple of sacks. The reason he was able to do that was the other guys on the defensive line put pressure up the middle. So the quarterback didn't have any place to escape. With Dent coming from the outside, he didn't have a chance. The defense was coordinated very well Sunday.

And their timing is good. Starting next week with Green Bay, the pace will pick up for the stretch run. What's interesting this year is that no team is standing out as the dominant force. Last year it was the Giants. The year before that the Bears blew away everyone.

But nothing like that is happening this season. San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans and the Bears all look like they're coming together well. But none of them looks unstoppable. Washington could be heard from, but its offense is having problems.

What will be the key for these teams is how well all aspects of their game are coordinated and how many injuries they can stay away from.

The Bears have had some injuries, but their substitutes are filling in well. And all aspects of their game are coming along well. The offense had been carrying the load since the strike, but I think the defense has come back and will be tough the rest of the way.

Doug's Picks

BEARS by 10 over Packers
Chicago getting on a roll.

Chiefs by 3 over Lions
K.C. has to get another win sometime.

Cowboys by 3 over Vikings
I like Dallas on Thanksgiving.

Bengals by 2 over Jets
N.Y. doesn't have it all.

Chargers by 1 over Broncos
San Diego will out-score Denver.

Colts by 6 over Oilers
Indy will grind it out.

Bills by 3 over Dolphins
Buffalo will break out of pack.

Saints by 2 over Steelers
Pittsburgh could give them tough time.

Redskins by 1 over Giants
Always take Washington at home.

Eagles by 6 over Patriots
New England too inconsistent.

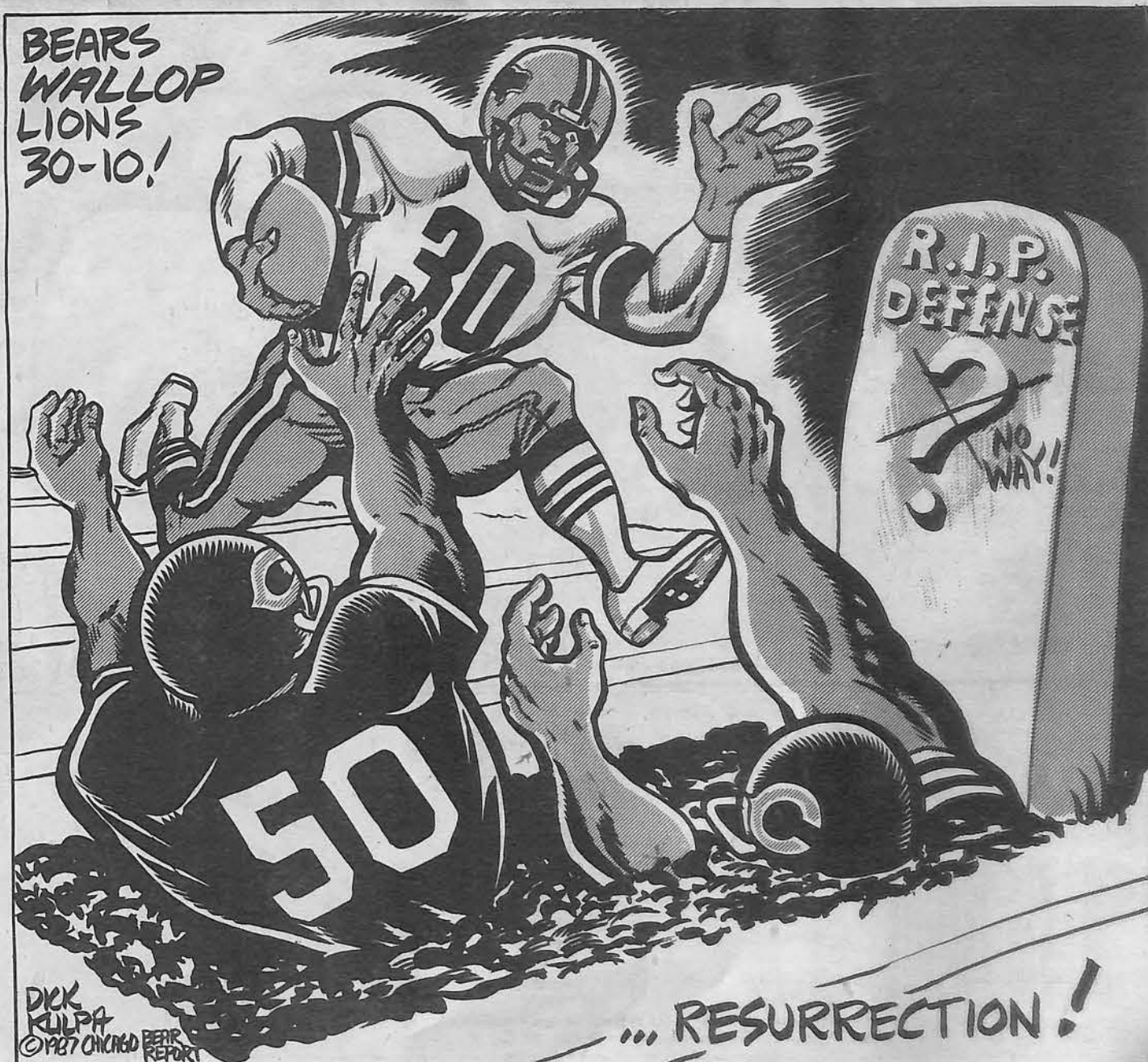
Falcons by 3 over Cardinals
St. Louis won't win two in a row.

Rams by 6 over Buccaneers
L.A. will break out of slump.

49ers by 10 over Browns
S.F. will control the game.

Seahawks by 2 over Raiders
L.A. will play it tough.

DRAW PLAY By Dick Kulpa



Defensive excellence must go up a step

Football coaches get considerably more alarmed when offenses "carry" defenses than when defenses "carry" offenses.

Good defense is more reliable. There is less risk when tackling than when running with a football. For one thing, only the guy with the ball can fumble.

Shutting out an offense is the only guarantee against losing. Scoring six touchdowns can only guarantee you won't get shut out. Good offense can't even always guarantee an exciting game.

DON PIERSON



So even when coach Mike Ditka sounded a tad resentful that the Bears' great defenses were getting most of the credit (he doesn't even like to admit they were great), he was more comfortable with defensive heroics than he is with offensive heroics.

Defensive discipline was the subject of the moment. They way the Bears usually play defense, discipline seems contradictory to the mayhem for which they became famous.

But defensive coordinator Vince Tobin and Ditka know that playing with reckless abandon always requires strict discipline.

John Elway hurt the Bears in Denver when he saw penalty flags for offside infractions against the defense. The quarterback with the cannon arm used the breaks as a signal to light his fuse. No other quarterback could have taken such advantage of a free play.

"We had them offside quite a few times," Elway said. "When you do, you have the potential for a big play. You have 100 yards to work with, because you know you can't lose."

With Elway, 100 yards in one play is no exaggeration.

"I don't think any other quarterback could throw a ball 45 yards in the air running backwards, like he did," said Bears' linebacker Ron Rivera.

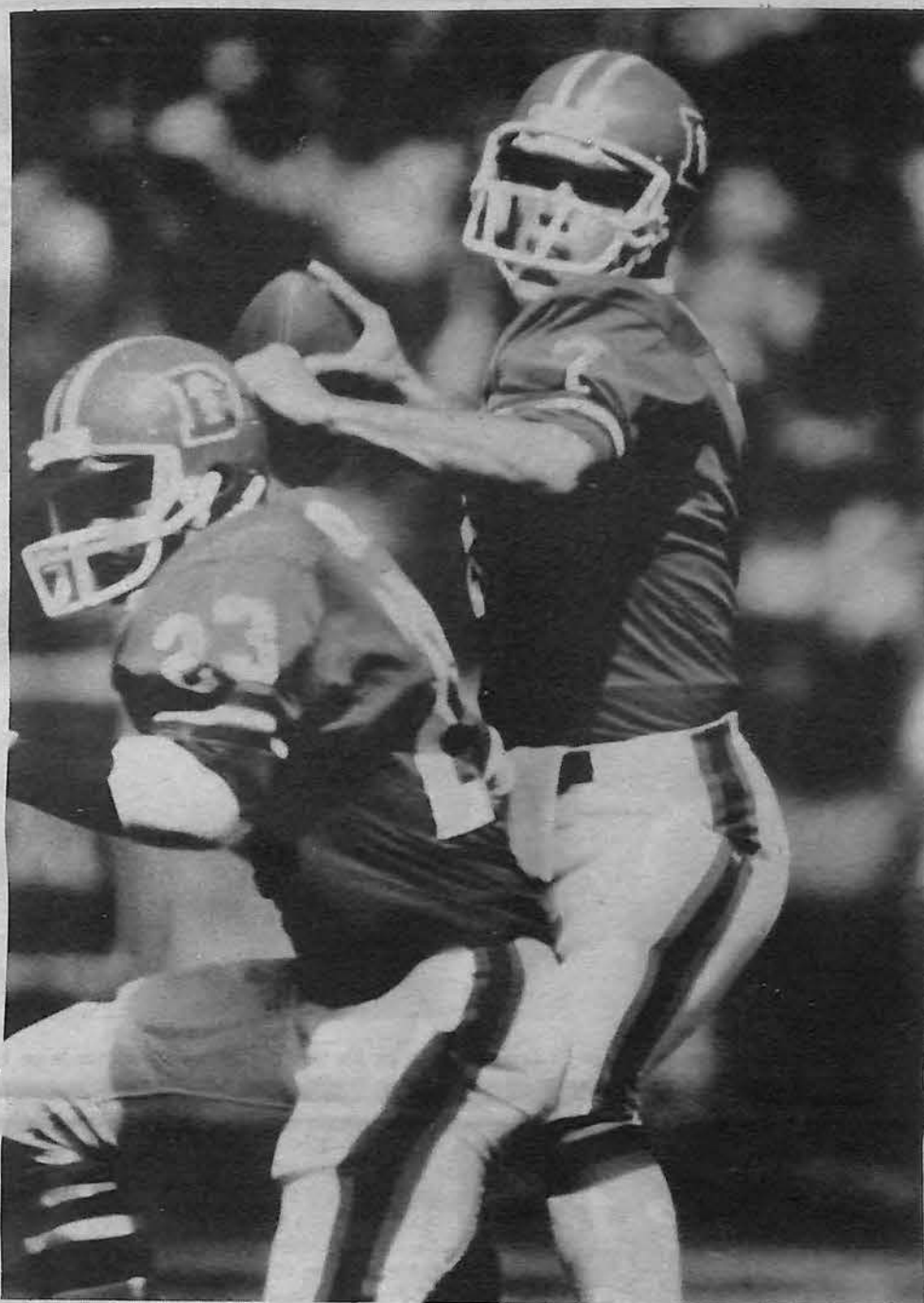
Maybe Vinny Testaverde, Rivera offered. The Bears have that to look forward to in the future.

Elway scored his first touchdown pass on a tipped ball after Bears' middle linebacker Mike Singletary was offside on a blitz.

The play was set up after a 26-yard pass completed after Bears' defensive end Richard Dent was offside.

Ditka said the Bear defenders complained that Elway was moving his hands to entice them to jump.

"No excuse," Ditka said. "A defensive lineman has no right looking at the quarterback anyway. We have bad habits and if you have bad habits like looking at the quarterback, you're going to be fooled. You look at the ball."



John Elway gave the Bear secondary more problems than they already had in Denver's 31-29 Monday night win over the Bears.

"We're going to get a guy who bobs his head in a couple weeks — Tommy Kramer."

Defense needs discipline

Discipline. Ditka blamed a breakdown in defensive discipline for the playoff loss to Washington last January. Players forgot their assignments and tried to fulfill the assignments of teammates.

Keeping good defensive players on a harness is a difficult task for a coach. Good defensive players are by nature aggressive. One reason the Bears supposedly play man-to-man defense better than zone defense is it allows them to challenge players physically, one-on-one instead of sitting back in a zone. They think they are too good for anyone to beat them.

But Tobin and Ditka maintain that defensive style has little to do with the current

Bears' problem. Discipline is required in every alignment. While the players may think they do better in one than the other, they really fall short in both.

"They have to start taking it home with them," Tobin said.

"That's right," said middle linebacker Mike Singletary, who always takes his work home. "It's a job. Why not?"

"For a lot of guys, this is very important to them — winning and playing for the Bears," Ditka said. "For a lot of guys, it's not."

"I've always maintained that football is not a right, it's a privilege. Some guys think it's a right. The rights don't last very long. If you treat it as a privilege, and cherish it, then you make the best of it. But some guys look at it as a way to spend eight hours."

Offenses fighting fire with fire

Offenses have caught up to the Bears' defense, not in physical ability, but in philosophy. They seem to have finally figured out the only way to fight fire is with fire.

Offenses that hesitate are lost. Offenses that allow the Bears to gather momentum on defense get crushed. The Bears have taken defense to a new level of aggressiveness in recent years. They pride themselves on being "strikers," not "catchers."

Finally, offenses have discovered they have one chance — gamble with the Bears' defense.

"They've got to be wide open to begin with," Singletary said.

That's why Elway and the Broncos opened their game from the shotgun. That's why quarterbacks from Steve DeBerg to Randy Wright know they have about two seconds to take two steps back and throw hard. If you're going to lose, you might as well go down swinging.

It challenges the Bears to take their level of excellence another step. To do it, they must think hard as well as play hard.

"What we have to do is go out and say, 'I don't care what you do, what formation you use, or what kind of motion, you're not going to trick us,'" Singletary said.

"We have to work every day and be as mentally prepared as we are physically prepared."

Ditka likes offense a lot, but not by both teams on the field.

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GAME WRAPUP

Ready for the final drive

Bears put it all together in 30-10 win over Lions

By Michael Polzin
Managing Editor

CHICAGO — There's nothing like a home game against a division opponent to get the Bears back on track.

After struggling through every game since the end of the strike, the Bears finally put their game together Sunday against Detroit and beat the Lions at Soldier Field, 30-10.

On offense, the numbers were excellent for the Bears. They piled up 383 yards, including 178 on the ground. They controlled the ball for 41:27 and recorded 29 first downs. They didn't fumble and had just one interception which was just as good as a punt.

On defense, the Bears allowed just 179 yards, including only 30 rushing. Detroit converted just one of 10 first-down situations. And after 11 quarters without a sack, the defense got three on Sunday. Richard Dent led the Bears with two.

"We need things to happen on defense, and when they start happening it's good to see," said head coach Mike Ditka, who gave game balls to Dent and linebacker Ron Rivera. "Ron's played very, very well for us. We're really excited about his play. Richard played like Richard Dent's capable of playing."

"This is the way we have to play ball. We



Walter Payton goes around Detroit's James Griffin on his way to rushing for 60 yards on 13 carries in the Bears' 30-10 win over Detroit Sunday at Soldier Field. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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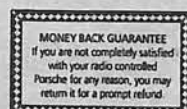
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have to control the ball. That's our game. Playing tough defense, putting some points on the board and taking some time off the clock — that's what we're looking to do."

Lions shut out in second half

After scoring 10 points in the second quarter, the Lions were shut out the rest of the way by the Bear defense. "We played extremely well in the second half," said Rivera, who had his second interception in two games Sunday. "We had a letdown in the second quarter."

The Lions only gained 67 net yards in the second half as the Bear defense took away everything from Detroit. "We kept the yardage down, we kept the points down. That's what we have to do if we want to be one of the top teams," Dent said.

Dent put more pressure on the quarterback Sunday because he said the game plan allowed him to do that. "This game they pretty much let me rush when I want to the way I want to," he said. "I was lining up outside more than you've probably ever seen me this year."

About the only problem Chicago had in the game was with pass protection. The Lions had eight sacks in the game for 63 yards in losses. But that wasn't much of a consolation for Detroit head coach Darryl Rogers. "We may have sacked (Jim) McMahon eight times or so but all that did was hold down the score," Rogers said. "Obviously we played one of the best teams in the NFL today. They did a tremendous job of running the ball and converting third downs. They just flat controlled the football all afternoon."

"We really didn't pass protect well," Ditka said. "I was scared to call anything deep."

Covert's shoulder a concern

One of the reasons for the poor pass protection was Jim Covert's ailing shoulder. It popped in and out a couple times in the game for Covert and he was taken out in the second half.

"That's a concern," Ditka said. "He's hurting. And we don't have a whole lot of options. It's hard for him to pass block. And that's the key thing that Jim does."

"Our line is a good offensive line. If things don't go exactly right for us, maybe the plays are poorly called."

The shoulder injury isn't new to Covert. "I've been having trouble with it all year," Covert said. "For two years I haven't been healthy at all, but that's life."

The Bears scored first after Bryan Wagner's 35-yard punt put the Lions in a hole at their own four-yard line. On third and nine from the five, quarterback Chuck Long threw to Pete Mandley down the left sideline. But Mandley, covered by Maurice Douglass, could only tip the ball twice before Shaun Gayle picked it off and returned it untouched 20 yards for a touchdown. That put Chicago up 7-0 with 6:32 left in the first quarter.

The Bears scored again on their next possession. Chicago took over at their own 45 after a punt and moved to the Lions' 31 in five plays. On first down from there, McMahon threw a short pass to Dennis McKinnon over the middle. McKinnon caught the ball at the 28 and ran untouched to the end zone. That put the Bears up 14-0 with 1:16 left in the opening period.

"Dennis made a fake like he was going out and the guy left him," Ditka said. "Nobody covered him. I don't know what happened."

Lions score twice in second period

The Lions got on the board in the second quarter after Long completed a 28-yard pass to Vyto Kab to the Bear 15-yard line. On the next play he hit Mandley cutting over the middle past Mike Richardson for the score.

The Lions added a 36-yard field goal by Eddie Murray midway through the second quarter to make the score 14-10. Long completed passes of 11 yards to Mandley and 21 yards to Jeff Chadwick to move Detroit to the Bear 21. But the Lions could only get three yards closer to the end zone before settling for the field goal.

But when the Bears got the ball back they drove 80 yards in eight plays to score on a 16-yard run up the middle by Neal Anderson. McMahon completed three passes on the drive — one each to Anderson, Thomas

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Bears-Lions game statistics

SCORING SUMMARY

Detroit Lions 0 10 0 0 — 10
Chicago Bears 14 13 0 3 — 30

Bears, 1, 8:28, Gayle 20-yard interception return (Butler kick), 0-7.
Bears, 1, 13:44, McKinnon 31-yards pass from McMahon (Butler kick), 0-14.

Lions, 2, 3:32, Mandley 15-yard pass from Long (Murray kick), 7-14.
Lions, 2, 6:40, Murray, 36-yard field goal, 10-14.

Bears, 2, 9:53, Anderson, 16-yard run (Butler kick), 10-21.

Bears, 2, 12:10, Butler, 31-yard field goal, 10-24.

Bears, 2, 15:00, Butler, 37-yard field goal, 10-27.

Bears, 4, 10:12, Butler, 29-yard field goal, 10-30.

Attendance: 63,357; tickets distributed: 66,030; unused: 2,673; time: 3:06
Weather: windy; temperature: 45; humidity 45%; wind and direction: S14 mph.

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Lions	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	10	29
By Rushing	1	10
By Passing	8	13
By Penalty	1	6
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-10	7-16
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-1	1-2
TOTAL NET YARDS	179	383
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	46	79
Av. Gain per Off. Play	3.9	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	30	178
Total Rushing Plays	12	39
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	2.5	4.6
NET YARDS PASSING	149	205
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	3-21	8-63
Gross Yds. Passing	170	268
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	31-14-2	32-20-1
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	4.4	5.1
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	6-48.3	3-31.7
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	58	57

No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	1-12	3-4
No. and Yds. KO Returns	3-46	2-37
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	1-0	2-24
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	9-108	9-72
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	3-0	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	1	3
Rushing	0	1
Passing	1	1
Returns	0	1
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	1-1	3-3
FG MADE — ATT.	1-1	3-3
TIME OF POSSESSION	18:33	41:27

Bland	0	1	0	0	0
*Out of bounds	1				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Lee	2	33	20	0
Woolfolk	1	13	13	0

FUMBLES	Fum.	Own	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Bernard	1	1	0	0	0
Green	1	0	0	0	0
Kab	0	1	0	0	0
Woolfolk	1	0	0	0	0

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Detroit Lions

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Jones	4	12	3.0	9	0
Bernard	4	3	.8	4	0
Long	3	13	4.3	5	0
Woolfolk	1	2	2.0	2	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	TD	LG	Had
Long	31	14	170	3/21	1	28	2

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Mandley	3	42	17	1
Kab	1	28	28	0
Chadwick	2	29	21	0
Nichols	2	25	18	0
Woolfolk	5	39	10	0
Bernard	1	7	7	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
McNorton	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Arnold	6	290	48.3	0	1	60

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Mandley	1	0	12	12	0

Chicago Bears

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Payton	13	60	4.6	17	0
Anderson	13	67	5.2	16	1
Gentry	2	11	5.5	8	0
Sanders	6	32	5.3	15	0
McMahon	1	1	1.0	1	0
Thomas	3	6	2.0	5	0
Marshall	1	1	1.0	1	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	TD	LG	Had
McMahon	27	16	206	7/48	1	31	1
Tomczak	5	4	62	0/0	0	22	0
Harbaugh	0	0	0	1/15	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Payton	4	42	16	0
Gentry	1	9	9	0
McKinnon	2	53	31	1
Anderson	2	23	12	0
Sanders	2	28	20	0
Moorehead	2	39	21	0
Gault	4	55	16	0
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New nickel defense shuts down passing

By David Marran
Bear Report Staff

CHICAGO - There was no rest for the Bears weary secondary Sunday.

After facing the NFL's best quarterback in Denver's John Elway last week, the Bears confronted one of the league's most promising passers in Detroit's Chuck Long Sunday at Soldier Field.

In response to his secondary's cheesecloth defense in obvious passing situations, head coach Mike Ditka shook up his nickel defense for the Lions game. Banished from the coverage were cornerback Reggie Phillips, who had been burned badly for scores the past two weeks, and safety Todd Bell.

Replacing Phillips to cover the extra receiver was safety Maurice Douglass. Shaun Gayle was moved into the free safety spot in place of Bell.

"Any time you make a change, it's a major change because you're bringing new individuals into an 11-man scheme," said safety Dave Duerson. "We have a lot of talent and a lot of depth. Everybody who came in, came to play. Everybody contributed."

The nickel defense was in need of some repair. In Monday's 31-29 loss at Denver, the Broncos converted on 55 percent of their third down attempts. The previous week, the Green Bay Packers converted on 40 percent of their third down attempts and beat Phillips for a touchdown in a nickel situation at the end of the first half. Against Kansas City three weeks ago, the Chiefs converted on 54 percent of their third down plays and ran wild in the Bears secondary.

Nickel plays well against Lions

The Detroit game was a different story. The shake-up in the nickel coverage proved effective as the Lions converted on just 1-of-10 third down conversions in the Bears' 30-10 win.

"We just need things to happen on defense and when they start happening it's good to see it," Ditka said.

The nickel was especially effective in the first half, thwarting the Lions on all six of their third down conversion attempts.

The nickel turned in the half's biggest play when the Lions were facing a third and nine situation at their own five-yard line in the first quarter. Long tried to hit Pete Mandley at the 20-yard line but his pass was high, and Douglass deflected the ball to Gayle, who ran the interception in for a touchdown and a 7-0 Bears' lead.

"The guy ran an out pattern on me and I got a jam on him at the line of scrimmage," Douglass said. "When the ball was in the air, I was fortunate enough to see the ball at the same time. When I saw that the receiver put his hand up, I just hit the ball and fortunately Shaun was in the right place at the right time."

The onus of the nickel coverage seemed to fall on Douglass because he was assigned to cover Mandley, the Lions' top receiver. Douglass rose to the challenge, shutting Mandley down in the nickel situations.

"They didn't complete many passes in the nickel situation, so I hope I had a little bit of an impact," Douglass said. "Mandley didn't catch a pass on me in the nickel spot and he's the main guy they have been going to in that situation. So I think I had a nice impact."

Douglass takes advantage of opportunity

Sunday was the first extended playing time Douglass had seen in his two-year, up and down career.

"I felt a little tense at first," Douglass said. "Once I got into the flow of the game, it got a little bit easier. It was just fun to be out there."

The Bears made Douglass their eighth-round draft choice out of Kentucky in 1986. The Trotwood, Ohio native was waived by the Bears on the final cutdown but was re-acquired Nov. 25. He got into five games, including the playoff loss to Washington, and registered four tackles.

This season, Douglass gained most of his attention off the field until the Lions game. During the off-season and the players' strike, Douglass worked as a male stripper in Cincinnati. But with his solid performance against the Lions, Ditka now thinks Douglass will be recognized for his football talents as well as his other talents.

"He's more than just another pretty face," Ditka said.

Douglass was a little perplexed by Ditka's remark but he took it in stride.

"He probably means that I have a little bit of talent to go along with the other God-given talents I have," Douglass said.

Douglass made his presence felt again when the Lions, trailing 14-7, had a third and seven situation at the Bears' 18-yard line in the second quarter.

Slant puts pressure on Long

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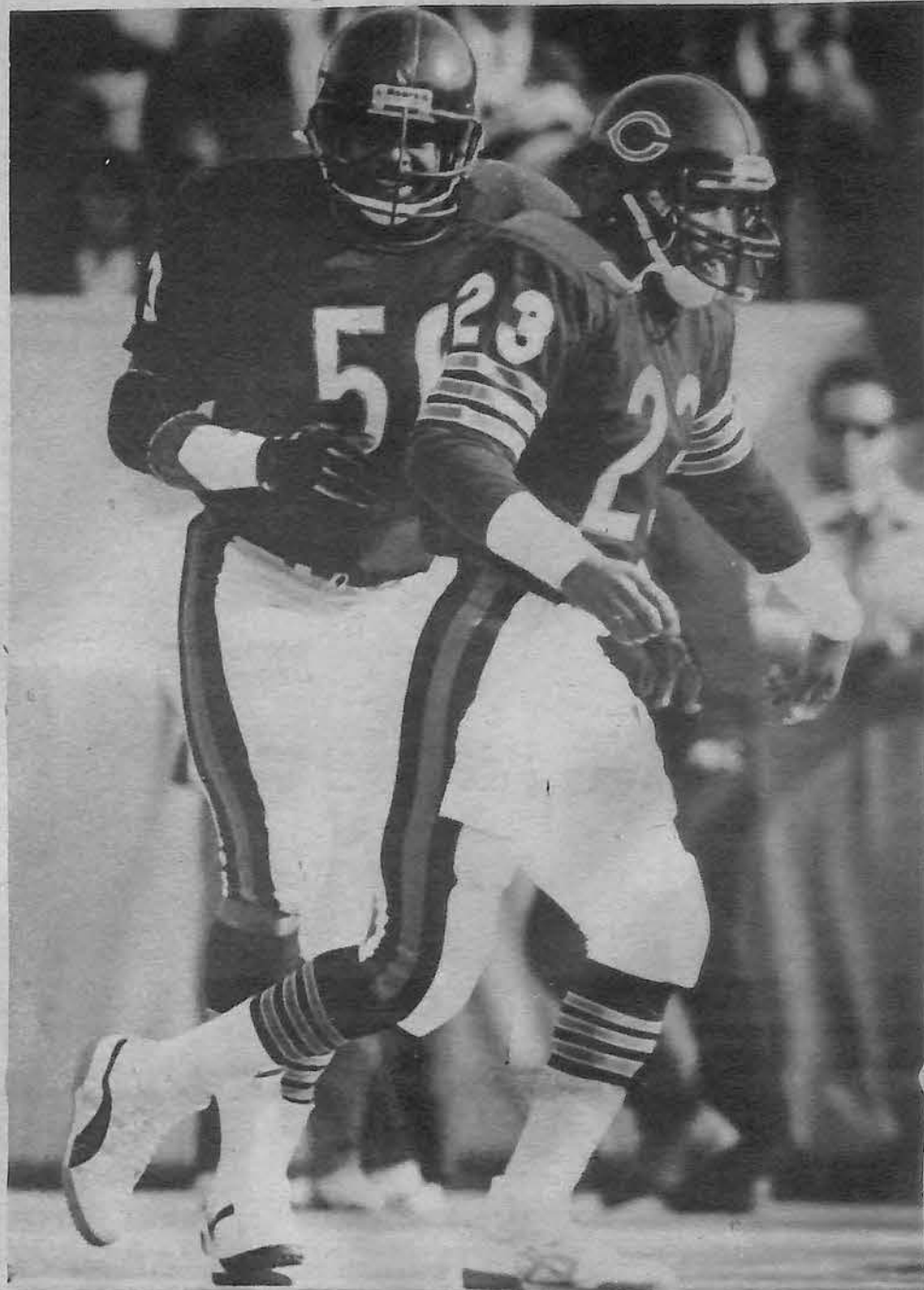


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Shaun Gayle (23) gets a pat on the back from Mike Singletary after he returned an interception 20 yards for Chicago's first score in its 30-10 win over the Lions Sunday. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

Long dropped straight back and Douglass made a bee-line for the former Iowa All-American while Duerson picked up his man. Long got the pass off in time. But it fell incomplete and Douglass gave him a good pop right as the ball was leaving his hand.

"We had a slant on where I had the outside blitz," Douglass said. "If I wouldn't have hesitated at the beginning, I think I would have had the sack, but I hesitated a bit. I still got a little pressure on him and hopefully made him alter his pass."

Long did a lot of altering Sunday because of the Bears' resurrected pass rush. For the first time in three games, the Bears sacked the quarterback, and that took some of the pressure off the secondary, according to Duerson.

"I'm sure the changes in the nickel helped," Duerson said. "But, at the same time, we got pressure up front and that makes for an easier day in the backfield. We didn't have as many breakdowns as we have had in the past couple of games."

"Richard Dent and the rest of our defensive linemen got us a great deal of pressure. Anytime that happens, you should be able to make breaks on the ball and contain the quarterback. We were able to do that today."

With improved play coverage and the pass rush, Long was eight for 13 for only 72 yards and two first downs against the Bears nickel. Most of that damage was done in the fourth quarter when the Bears had the game in hand. In the first half, Long was two for seven for seven yards against the nickel.

"The Bears flat out controlled our

receivers at the line of scrimmage," Detroit coach Darryl Rogers said. "They grabbed us and held us well."

So the statistics show that Ditka's changes in the nickel paid off. Along with his interception for a touchdown, Gayle assisted on a tackle. Douglass was credited with one tackle and one pass defended. He also had two tackles on special teams.

"It was great to see that out of our secondary," Ditka said. "I have confidence in everybody we have on our football team and I just wanted to give those guys a chance to play and see what they could do."

1987 Bears Schedule

REGULAR SEASON

Chicago 34, N.Y. Giants 19
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3
Sun., Sept. 27 at Detroit, noon
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7
New Orleans 19, Chicago 17
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 26
Chicago 31, Kansas City 28
Chicago 26, Green Bay 24
Denver 31, Chicago 29

Sun., Nov. 29 GREEN BAY, noon
Sun., Dec. 6 at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 14 at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 20 SEATTLE, noon
Sun., Dec. 27 at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
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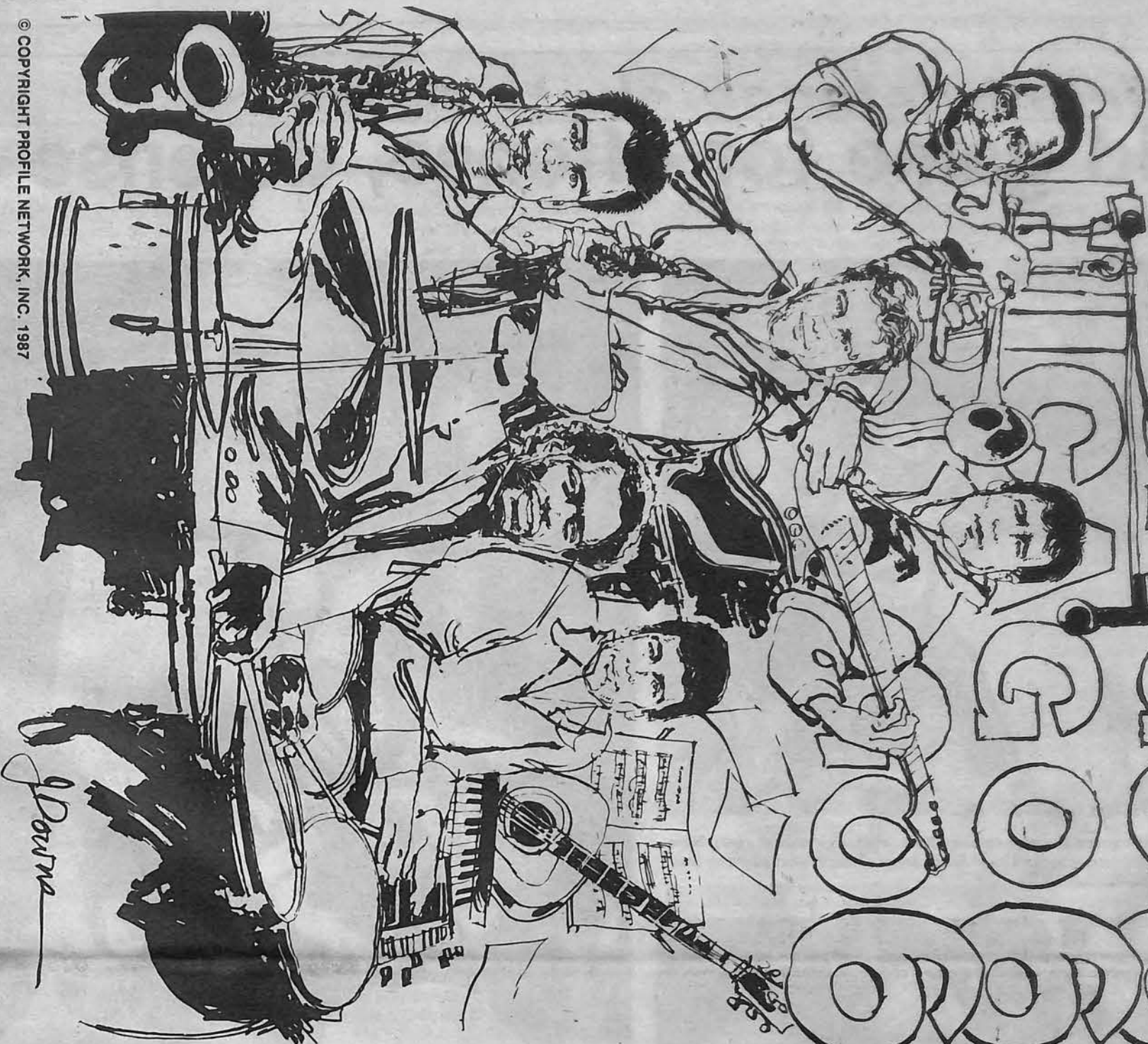
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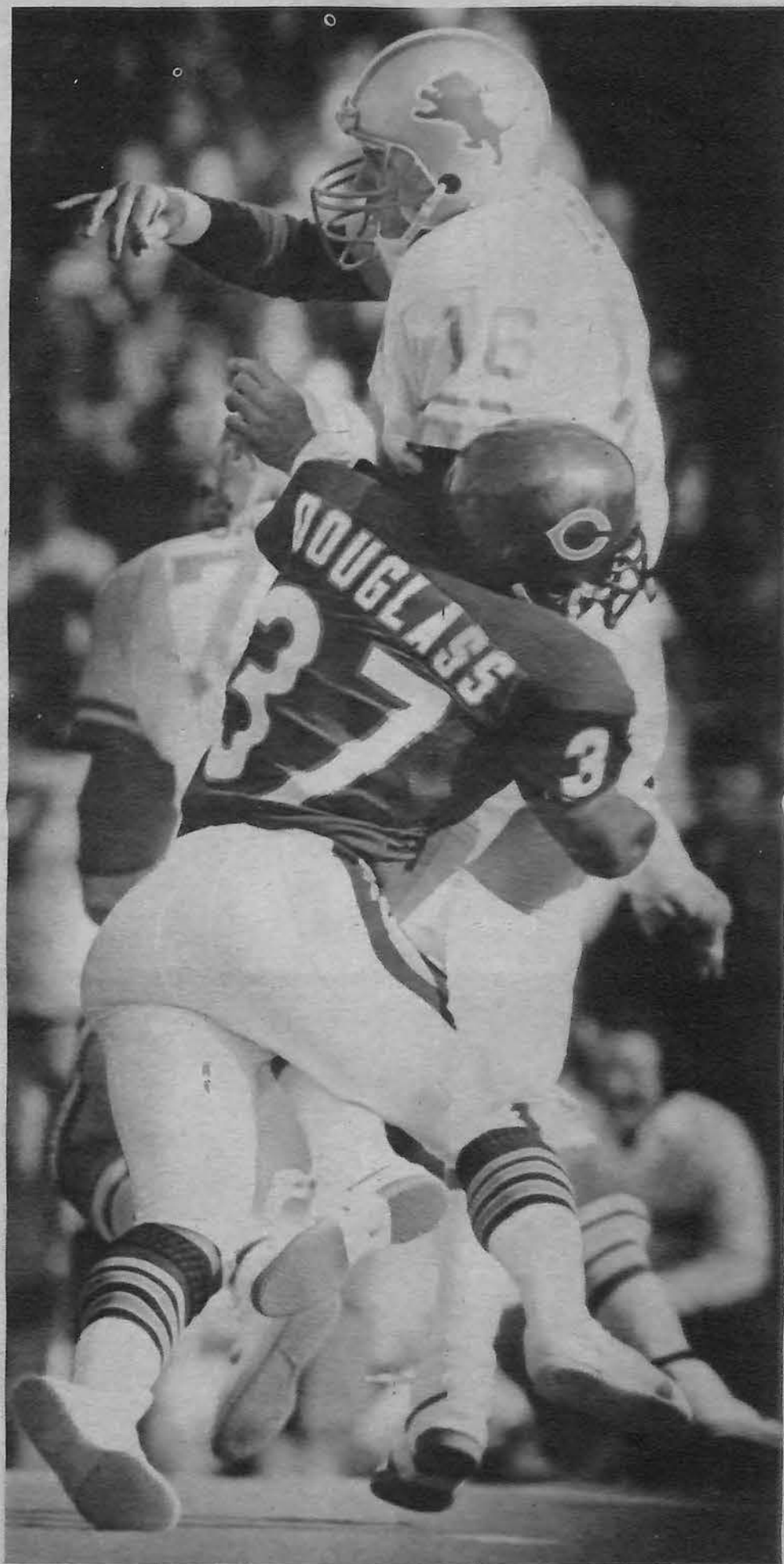
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The Bear defense toughens up against Detroit's rushing attack, allowing it only 30 yards. Here, Al Harris (90) and Steve McMichael stop the Lions' James Jones. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



Safety Maurice Douglass pressures Detroit quarterback Chuck Long on a blitz in the second half of Sunday's game. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



Neal Anderson leaps over Detroit's Raphael Cherry on his way to rushing for 67 yards on 13 carries. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

1987 NFL SCHEDULE

Week 1

Sunday, Sept. 13

L.A. Raiders 20, Green Bay 0
Minnesota 34, Detroit 19
Kansas City 20, San Diego 13
New Orleans 28, Cleveland 21
N.Y. Jets 31, Buffalo 28
Houston 20, L.A. Rams 16
New England 28, Miami 21
Pittsburgh 30, San Francisco 17
Cincinnati 23, Indianapolis 21
St. Louis 24, Dallas 13
Tampa Bay 48, Atlanta 10
Washington 34, Philadelphia 24
Denver 40, Seattle 17

Monday, Sept. 14

Chicago 34, Giants 19

Week 2

Sunday, Sept. 20

Denver 17, Green Bay 17
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 21, L.A. Rams 16
L.A. Raiders 27, Detroit 7
Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17
Atlanta 21, Washington 20
Dallas 16, N.Y. Giants 14
Buffalo 34, Houston 30
Miami 23, Indianapolis 10
Cleveland 34, Pittsburgh 10
Seattle 43, Kansas City 14
San Francisco 27, Cincinnati 26
San Diego 28, St. Louis 24

Monday, Sept. 21

N.Y. Jets 44, New England 24

Week 3

Sunday, Sept. 27

Atlanta at New Orleans
Buffalo at Dallas
N.Y. Giants at Miami
Indianapolis at St. Louis
New England at Washington
Minnesota at Kansas City
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Chicago at Detroit
L.A. Raiders at Houston
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh
Seattle at San Diego
Cincinnati at L.A. Rams
Philadelphia at San Francisco

Monday, Sept. 28

Denver at Cleveland

Week 4

Sunday, Oct. 4

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 16
Pittsburgh 28, Atlanta 12
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 9
Cleveland 20, New England 10
Indianapolis 47, Buffalo 6
Tampa Bay 31, Detroit 27
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3
Washington 28, St. Louis 21
New Orleans 37, L.A. Rams 10
Houston 40, Denver 10
L.A. Raiders 35, Kansas City 17
Dallas 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Seattle 24, Miami 20

Monday, Oct. 5

San Francisco 41, N.Y. Giants 21

Week 5

Sunday, Oct. 11

Detroit 19, Green Bay 16 (OT)
St. Louis 24, New Orleans 19
Dallas 41, Philadelphia 22
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7
San Diego 17, Tampa Bay 13
New England 14, Buffalo 7
Houston 15, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 6, New York Jets 0
Miami 42, Kansas City 0
Washington 38, N.Y. Giants 12
Cincinnati 17, Seattle 10
San Francisco 25, Atlanta 17
L.A. Rams 31, Pittsburgh 21

Monday, Oct. 12

Denver 30, L.A. Raiders 14

Week 6

Sunday, Oct. 18

Pittsburgh 21, Indianapolis 7
Seattle 37, Detroit 14
New York Jets 37, Miami 31 (OT)
New England 21, Houston 7
Cleveland 34, Cincinnati 0
Green Bay 16, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
New Orleans 19, Chicago 17
Tampa Bay 20, Minnesota 10
Atlanta 24, Los Angeles Rams 20
Buffalo 6, New York Giants 3 (OT)
San Diego 23, Los Angeles Raiders 17
Denver 26, Kansas City 17
San Francisco 34, St. Louis 28

Monday, Oct. 19

Washington 13, Dallas 7

Week 7

Sunday, Oct. 25

Green Bay 34, Detroit 33
Houston 37, Atlanta 33
Buffalo 34, Miami 31 (OT)
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 26
Pittsburgh 23, Cincinnati 20
Philadelphia 37, Dallas 20
Indianapolis 30, New England 16
Washington 17, New York Jets 16
San Francisco 24, New Orleans 22
New York Giants 30, St. Louis 7
Seattle 35, Los Angeles Raiders 13
San Diego 42, Kansas City 21

Monday, Oct. 26

Cleveland 30, L.A. Rams 17
Minnesota 34, Denver 27

Week 8

Sunday, Nov. 1

Houston 31, Cincinnati 29
Indianapolis 19, N.Y. Jets 14
Chicago 31, Kansas City 28
New England 26, L.A. Raiders 23
New Orleans 38, Atlanta 0
Philadelphia 28, St. Louis 23
Miami 35, Pittsburgh 24
Tampa Bay 23, Green Bay 17
Washington 27, Buffalo 7
San Diego 27, Cleveland 24 (OT)
Denver 34, Detroit 0
Seattle 28, Minnesota 17
San Francisco 31, L.A. Rams 10

Monday, Nov. 2

Dallas 33, N.Y. Giants 24

Week 9

Sunday, Nov. 8

Cleveland 38, Atlanta 3
Chicago 26, Green Bay 24
Buffalo 21, Denver 14
Minnesota 31, L.A. Raiders 20
Pittsburgh 17, Kansas City 16
San Diego 16, Indianapolis 13
St. Louis 31, Tampa Bay 28
Philadelphia 31, Washington 27
Detroit 27, Dallas 17
San Francisco 27, Houston 20
New Orleans 31, L.A. Rams 14
Miami 20, Cincinnati 14
N.Y. Giants 17, New England 10

Monday, Nov. 9

N.Y. Jets 30, Seattle 14

Week 10

Sunday, Nov. 15

Seattle 24, Green Bay 13
Cleveland 27, Buffalo 21
Dallas 23, New England 17 (OT)
Washington 20, Detroit 13
Houston 23, Pittsburgh 3
L.A. Rams 27, St. Louis 24
Indianapolis 40, Miami 21
Minnesota 23, Tampa Bay 17
N.Y. Jets 16, Kansas City 9
Cincinnati 16, Atlanta 10
New Orleans 26, San Francisco 24
N.Y. Giants 20, Philadelphia 17
San Diego 16, L.A. Raiders 14

Monday, Nov. 16

Denver 31, Chicago 29

Week 11

Sunday, Nov. 22

Green Bay 23, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 24, Atlanta 13
Buffalo 17, New York Jets 14
Cleveland 40, Houston 7
Chicago 30, Detroit 10
New England 24, Indianapolis 0
Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 16
St. Louis 31, Philadelphia 19
San Francisco 24, Tampa Bay 10
New Orleans 23, New York Giants 14
Seattle 34, San Diego 3
Denver 23, L.A. Raiders 17
Miami 20, Dallas 14

Monday, Nov. 23

L.A. Rams at Washington, 8 p.m.

Week 12

Thursday, Nov. 26

Kansas City at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon
Green Bay at Chicago, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Miami at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Pittsburgh, noon
Philadelphia at New England, noon
St. Louis at Atlanta, noon
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Cleveland at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 30

L.A. Raiders at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Week 13

Sunday, Dec. 6

Atlanta at Dallas, noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon
Kansas City at Cincinnati, noon
L.A. Rams at Detroit, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, noon
San Diego at Houston, noon
San Francisco at Green Bay, noon
Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon
Washington at St. Louis, noon
Buffalo at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

Week 14

Sunday, Dec. 13

Buffalo at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Dallas at Washington, noon
Houston at New Orleans, noon
Miami at Philadelphia, noon
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw., noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
L.A. Raiders at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14

Chicago at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Week 15

Saturday, Dec. 19

Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Minnesota at Detroit, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Cincinnati, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, noon
Seattle at Chicago, noon
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.

Week 16

Saturday, Dec. 26

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon
Cincinnati at Houston, noon
Detroit at Atlanta, noon
Green Bay at New Orleans, noon
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon
St. Louis at Dallas, noon
Seattle at Kansas City, noon
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon
San Diego at Denver, 3 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28

New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

NFL Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	8	2	0	.800	276	170
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	217	210
Green Bay	4	5	1	.450	183	191
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	219	206
Detroit	2	8	0	.200	169	280

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	7	2	0	.778	224	152
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	222	222
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	218	264
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	237	254
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	174	225

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	2	0	.800	274	210
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	260	175
L.A. Rams	2	7	0	.222	161	239
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	143	294

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	181	238
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	193	164
Miami	5	5	0	.500	264	225
New England	5	5	0	.500	190	191
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	225	203

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	7	3	0	.700	278	138
Houston	6	4	0	.600	230	223
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	207	211
Cincinnati	3	7	0	.300	170	216

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Diego	8	2	0	.800	195	189
Seattle	7	3	0	.700	266	181
Denver	6	3	1	.650	252	206
L.A. Raiders	3	7	0	.300	200	208
Kansas City	1	9	0	.100	145	288

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT

Chicago Bears

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	204	25	3	Georgia
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	190	28	6	BYU
14	Jim Harbaugh	QB	6-3	202	23	R	Michigan
15	Bryan Wagner	P	6-2	195	25	1	Cal-Northridge
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	195	25	3	Ohio St.
20	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	25	3	Texas A&M
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	210	26	5	Notre Dame
23	Shaun Gayle	S	5-11	193	25	4	Ohio St.
24	Vestee Jackson	CB	6-0	186	24	2	Washington
25	Todd Bell	S	6-1	212	28	6	Ohio St.
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	29	8	Penn. St.
27	Mike Richardson	CB	6-0	188	26	5	Arizona St.
29	Dennis Gentry	WR	5-8	180	28	6	Baylor
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	27	6	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	205	33	13	Jackson St.
35	Neal Anderson	RB	5-11	210	23	2	Florida
37	Maurice Douglass	DB	5-11	200	23	2	Kentucky
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	193	33	12	Yale
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	26	3	S. Methodist
50	Mike Singletary	LB	6-0	235	29	7	Baylor
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	6-3	222	24	3	Michigan St.
54	John Adickes	C	6-3	264	23	R	Baylor
57	Tom Thayer	G	6-4	280	26	3	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	235	25	4	California
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	275	26	5	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	260	27	7	Iowa
67	Will Johnson	DE	6-4	245	22	R	N.E. Louisiana
68	Paul Blair	T	6-4	295	24	2	Oklahoma St.
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	315	24	3	Clemson
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	275	27	5	Pittsburgh
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	265	30	8	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	285	29	7	USC
79	Kurt Becker	G	6-5	280	28	6	Michigan
83	Willia Gault	WR	6-1	183	27	5	Tennessee
84	Ron Morris	WR	6-1	187	22	R	SMU
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	26	4	Florida St.
86	Cap Boso	TE	6-3	224	25	1	Illinois
87	Emery Moorehead	TE	6-2	225	33	11	Colorado
88	Keith Ortego	WR	6-0	180	24	3	McNeese St.
90	Al Harris	LB/DE	6-5	270	30	8	Arizona St.
92	Paul Miglizzo	LB	6-1	228	21	R	Oklahoma
94	Dick Chapura	DT	6-3	280	21	R	Missouri
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	26	5	Tennessee St.
97	Sean Smith	DE	6-4	275	22	R	Grambling

INJURED RESERVE: WR Lew Barnes; S Kyle Kalentzis; C Larry Rubens; G Ronnie James Carter; T Brent Sowell; TE Tim Wrightman; WR Volie Patterson; DE Dan Hampton; LB Otis Wilson.

PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM: QB Steve Fuller.

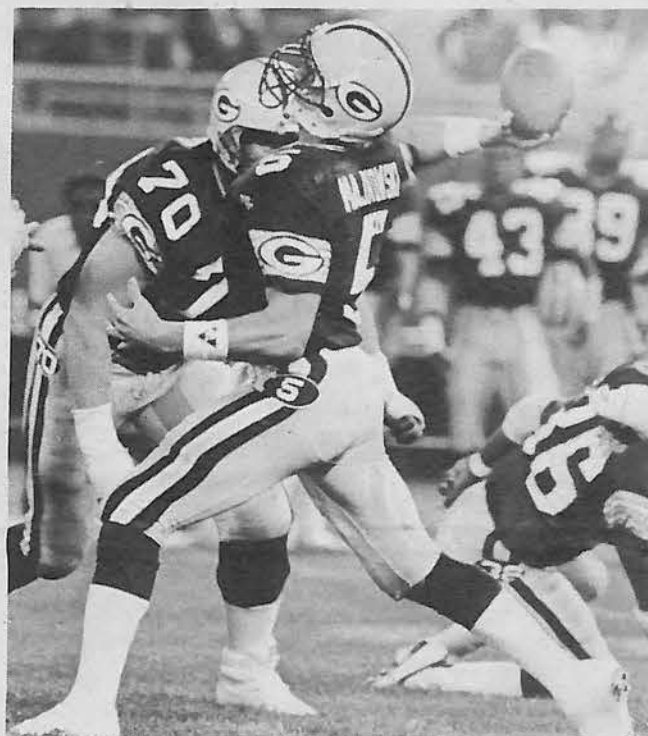
Facts and Figures

Kickoff: Sunday, Nov. 29, noon Central time.
Site: Soldier Field, Chicago.

Playing surface: Artificial turf.

Series record: The Bears lead the regular season series, 73-55-6. In the teams' first meeting this year three weeks ago, Kevin Butler's 52-yard field goal with no time left was the difference in Chicago's 26-24 win in Green Bay. Chicago has now won the last five meetings between the two teams.

Radio-TV coverage: The game will be televised live in Chicago on CBS-TV, channel 2. WGN-Radio and the Bears radio network also will carry the game live. WOJO (105 FM) will broadcast the game in Spanish.



Green Bay quarterback Don Majkowski

Green Bay Packers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
5	Don Majkowski	QB	6-2	197	23	R	Virginia
8	Max Zendejas	K	5-11	184	24	2	Arizona
10	Al Del Greco	K	5-10	191	25	4	Auburn
11	Alan Risher	QB	6-2	190	26	1	Louisiana St.
16	Randy Wright	QB	6-2	203	26	4	Wisconsin
17	Don Bracken	P	6-0	211	25	3	Michigan
20	Kelly Cook	RB	5-10	225	25	1	Oklahoma St.
21	Brent Fullwood	RB	5-11	209	23	R	Auburn
22	Mark Lee	DB	5-11	189	29	8	Washington
23	Tiger Greene	DB	6-0	194	25	3	W. Carolina
29	Ken Stills	DB	5-10	186	23	3	Wisconsin
30	Paul Ott Carruth	RB	6-1	220	26	2	Alabama
32	Dave Brown	CB	6-1	197	34	13	Michigan
33	Jessie Clark	FB	6-0	228	27	5	Arkansas
36	Kenneth Davis	RB	5-10	209	25	2	Tex. Christian
37	Mark Murphy	SS	6-2	201	29	6	West Liberty
38	Norman Jefferson	DB	5-10	183	23	R	Louisiana St.
39	Kenneth Johnson	CB	6-0	185	23	1	Mississippi St.
47	Jim Bob Morris	DB	6-3	211	26	1	Kansas St.
50	Johnny Holland	LB	6-2	221	22	R	Texas A&M
51	Clayton Weishuhn	LB	6-2	218	27	6	Angelo St.
52	Mike Weddington	LB	6-4	245	26	2	Oklahoma
54	Scott Stephen	LB	6-2	232	22	R	Arizona State
56	Burnell Dent	LB	6-1	236	24	2	Tulane
57	Rich Moran	OL	6-2	275	25	3	San Diego St.
58	Mark Cannon	C	6-3	258	25	4	Tex.-Arlington
59	John Anderson	LB	6-3	228	31	10	Michigan
61	Jerry Boyarsky	NT	6-3	290	28	7	Pitt
64	Steve Collier	OT	6-7	342	24	1	Bethune Cook.
65	Ron Hallstrom	G	6-6	290	28	6	Iowa
69	Bill Cherry	C/G	6-4	277	26	2	Mid. Tenn. St.
72	Tom Neville	T/G	6-5	306	25	2	Fresno St.
73	Alan Veingrad	T/G	6-5	277	24	2	East Texas St.
75	Ken Ruettgers	T	6-5	280	25	3	USC
76	Alphonso Carreker	DE	6-6	271	25	4	Florida St.
77	Tommy Robison	T	6-4	290	26	R	Texas A&M
79	Ross Browner	DE	6-2	252	32	10	Notre Dame
80	Frankie Neal	WR	6-1	202	21	R	Fl. Hays State
82	Keith Paskett	WR	5-11	180	22	R	West. Ky. U.
83	Patrick Scott	WR	5-10	170	23	R	Grambling
85	Phillip Epps	WR	5-9	155	28	6	TCU
86	Ed West	TE	6-1	243	26	4	Auburn
87	Walter Stanley	WR/KR	5-9	179	24	3	Mesa College
89	Joey Hackett	TE	6-5	267	29	2	Elon College
90	Ezra Johnson	DE	6-4	264	31	11	Morris Brown
91	Brian Noble	LB	6-3	252	24	3	Arizona State
93	Robert Brown	DE	6-2	267	27	6	VPI
97	Timothy Harris	LB	6-5	235	22	2	Memphis State
98	Brent Moore	LB	6-5	242	21	1	USC
99	John Dorsey	LB	6-2	243	26	4	Connecticut

The Packers come to town Sunday playing not like it's the middle of the football season, but more like it's the beginning of training camp.

Still, you can't take Green Bay too lightly, especially the way the Bears have been playing this season. Besides, Packer-Bear games are always a bit unusual and heavy on the unpredictable side.

In the teams' first meeting this year, the Bears had a healthy McMahon at quarterback and still needed a last-second 52-yard field goal by Kevin Butler to win the game.

The Bears have won the last five meetings, but only one of them has been easy. The others have been wars fought to the final quarter, minute, even second.

It's not because these two teams are so evenly matched or have similar styles of play. It's more the intangibles — the fact that this is the Bears and Packers playing that make these games so interesting.

Ditka, Gregg add to rivalry

Of course, the rivalry has gotten a little more interesting since Mike Ditka and Forrest Gregg started squaring off. Since the Bears began winning consistently three years ago, the Packers have done everything possible to embarrass them. But more times than not, they've embarrassed themselves.

Heading into this game, the Packers have been hurting themselves. They've played some tough, close games this year but have ended up losing them — perhaps because they haven't yet learned how to win.

That may have been the case again two weeks ago when Green Bay played at Seattle. The Packers lost, 24-13, while fumbling

six times (losing three of them), throwing two interceptions, having one punt blocked and getting penalized nine times for 70 yards.

Seattle wasn't much better in the game, losing two fumbles and throwing three interceptions. But the Seahawks were able to take advantage of Green Bay's mistakes. The Packers, on the other hand, couldn't take advantage of Seattle's miscues.

"It was kind of a sloppy game, probably a little bit both ways," Gregg said. "They were generous to us, but we couldn't do anything with it."

The reason the Packer offense couldn't do much in the game was the loss of quarterback Randy Wright in the second quarter. Wright left the game with severely sprained ligaments in his right ankle.

Before leaving Wright completed 10 of 19 passes for 134 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Majkowski loses magic

Rookie backup Don Majkowski played the entire second half for the Packers. Though he showed some signs of becoming a regular NFL quarterback earlier in the season, the 10th-round draft pick couldn't move Green Bay against the Seahawks. Majkowski completed just four of 16 passes in the second half for 80 yards and one interception.

"He wasn't consistent," said Gregg. "Coming into that situation I think he felt like he had to do something. Usually, when you do that, you take too much on yourself and you don't rely enough on your teammates."

"The Seahawks were double covering all our receivers," Majkowski said. "They had seven defensive backs in there. You had to

be pretty accurate."

If Wright can play in the game Sunday, the Bear defense will want to put as much pressure on him as possible, knowing that Wright probably won't be very mobile with a sore ankle. Wright isn't a very mobile quarterback to begin with.

The Bear defense also knows that if it can knock out Wright, they'll have an inexperienced quarterback to prey on the rest of the game.

But Chicago hasn't had much success putting pressure on quarterbacks lately. The defense had a string of 10 quarters without a sack going into the Detroit game. Against Green Bay three weeks ago, Chicago didn't register any sacks in the game.

The Packer defense turned in one of its better performances against Seattle. It allowed the Seahawks just 281 total yards. Seattle gained just 88 yards passing, but rushed for 193 yards. The Packer defense really allowed just one touchdown in the game, a 57-yard run by Curt Warner, one of the premier running backs in the league.

Noble is leading tackler

Linebacker Brian Noble leads the defense and had a team-high eight tackles against Seattle. Another linebacker, Tim Harris, had seven tackles and two sacks in the game.

The Packer defensive line is anchored by nose tackle Jerry Boyarsky, who made an impression on the Bears in the first meeting this year. Against Seattle, Boyarsky suffered a knee injury, though it isn't serious. But coupled with a leg problem, he wasn't able to finish the game.

The only problem with Boyarsky is a ten-

dency to jump off-sides. So look for the Bears to try to trick him on the snap counts.

Leading the Packer secondary are cornerbacks Dave Brown and Mark Lee. Brown is a former Seahawk who got good experience going against Steve Largent in practices. He intercepted one pass intended for Largent in the Seattle game.

On special teams Max Zendejas was activated for the Seattle game in place of regular placekicker Al Del Greco, who was put on the inactive list. Del Greco was one for three in field goal attempts against the Bears. The one he made was a 47-yarder to give Green Bay the lead with one minute left to play in the game.

Zendejas made both field goals he attempted against Seattle. They were from 31 and 48 yards away.

Gregg didn't have in mind a permanent change to Zendejas. "I think Al just needs a little time to kind of get his bearings," Gregg said. "His self-confidence is down right now. I think a little time will help. He's a good kicker. I think he'll continue to be a good kicker."

Still, Gregg said Zendejas will be the Packers' kicker until he no longer kicks well. Carrying another kicker on the inactive list may have hurt Del Greco's concentration. "It's just been something like I haven't been able to totally concentrate every time I went out on the field," Del Greco said. "Whether that was because Max was here or it was just that kind of year, I don't know."

No matter who's on the field Sunday for Green Bay, though, they'll have to concentrate hard in front of a hostile audience to beat the Bears.

Chicago on offense

OFFENSE

SPECIALISTS

Punter
15 Bryan Wagner
Kicker
6 Kevin Butler
Holder
18 Mike Tomczak

RB
34 Walter Payton
20 Thomas Sanders
35 Neal Anderson

QB
9 Jim McMahon
18 Mike Tomczak
14 Jim Harbaugh

FB
35 Neal Anderson
26 Matt Suhey
33 Calvin Thomas

SPECIALISTS

Punt returner
85 Dennis McKinnon
Kick returner
29 Dennis Gentry
Kick center
54 John Adickes

WR
83 Willie Gault
29 Dennis Gentry
89 Keith Ortego

TE
87 Emery Moorehead
86 Cap Boso

RT
78 Keith Van Horne
68 Paul Blair

RG
57 Tom Thayer
79 Kurt Becker

C
63 Jay Hilgenberg
54 John Adickes

LG
62 Mark Bortz
79 Kurt Becker

LT
74 Jim Covert
68 Paul Blair

WR
84 Ron Morris
85 Dennis McKinnon

DEFENSE

LC
22 Mark Lee
38 Norman Jefferson

LOLB
59 John Anderson
52 Mike Weddington

LE
76 Alphonso Carreker
93 Robert Brown

LILB
91 Brian Noble
99 John Dorsey

NT
61 Jerry Boyarsky
79 Ross Browner

RE
93 Robert Brown
79 Ross Browner
90 Ezra Johnson

RC
32 Dave Brown
39 Ken Johnson

RILB
50 Johnny Holland
91 Brian Noble
56 Burnell Dent
51 Clayton Weishuhn

ROLB
97 Tim Harris
54 Scott Stephen

SS
37 Mark Murphy
47 Jim Bob Morris
23 Tiger Greene

FS
29 Ken Stills

Green Bay on offense

OFFENSE

SPECIALISTS

Punter
17 Don Bracken
Kicker
8 Max Zendejas
Kick center
69 Bill Cherry

HB
36 Kenneth Davis
21 Brent Fullwood

QB
16 Randy Wright
5 Don Majkowski
3 Alan Risher

FB
33 Jessie Clark
30 Paul Ott Carruth
44 Kelly Cook

SPECIALISTS

Punt returner
87 Walter Stanley
38 Norman Jefferson
Kick returner
21 Brent Fullwood
20 Kelly Cook

WR
85 Phillip Epps
82 Keith Paskett

TE
86 Ed West
89 Joey Hackett

RT
64 Steve Collier
73 Alan Veingrad

RG
65 Ron Hallstrom
77 Tom Robison

C
58 Mark Cannon
69 Bill Cherry

LG
57 Rich Moran
72 Tom Neville

LT
75 Ken Ruettgers
73 Alan Veingrad
64 Steve Collier

WR
87 Walter Stanley
80 Frankie Neal
83 Patrick Scott

DEFENSE

LCB
27 Mike Richardson
48 Reggie Phillips

LE
90 Al Harris
97 Sean Smith

LT
76 Steve McMichael
94 Dick Chapura

RT
72 William Perry
94 Dick Chapura

RE
95 Richard Dent
90 Al Harris

RCB
24 Vestee Jackson
27 Mike Richardson

LLB
59 Ron Rivera
51 Jim Morrissey
92 Paul Migliazzo

MLB
50 Mike Singletary
59 Ron Rivera

RLB
58 Wilber Marshall
59 Ron Rivera
67 Will Johnson

FS
22 Dave Duerson
45 Gary Fencik

SS
25 Todd Bell
22 Dave Duerson
37 Maurice Douglas

BEAR NOTEBOOK



Safety Maurice Douglass got his first extended action on the field Sunday against Detroit. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

New combination for nickel defense

As the Bear defense continues to struggle and give up the big plays, head coach Mike Ditka is searching for the right combination of defensive backs that will stop opposing quarterbacks from having a field day throwing the ball.

Ditka shook things up last week on the nickel defense, hoping to find the right combination of players that will be able to shut down an opposing team's passing game.

The Bears' new nickel defense alignment looks like this: Both Vestee Jackson and Dave Duerson will continue in the roles they've been playing. Jackson will remain at one of the corners and Duerson will stay as the fifth defensive back. Safety Maurice Douglass will be inserted in the lineup to cover the third wide receiver.

That's the job Mike Richardson held before. Richardson will move to the other corner in place of Reggie Phillips. Shaun Gayle will take over for Todd Bell at weakside safety.

Duerson said he can play better with Richardson at one of the corners. "I can relax a little more knowing that Mike is at the corner," he said.

Besides Phillips and Bell, the other back left out of the new lineup is Gary Fencik, who is only seeing playing time on kickoffs and return teams.

"If we feel Gary should be in there we'll put him in there," Ditka said. "I have no problem with that. But right now we're going to take a look at this group, that's all."

Ditka said he doesn't see any problem with the defense Chicago is using. The execution is what's hurting the Bears. "We haven't had a lot of pressure. That would be the biggest problem," Ditka said. "And we've had some breakdowns in the coverage. That's the other problem."

"We're just trying to find some cohesion out there where we find a group that plays with confidence. That's all this thing is. It's confidence, it's attitude. If you're struggling and you're not getting any success, it's hard

to have a great attitude. It's hard to be confident when you're not having success."

This will be the first big opportunity for Douglass to show what he can do. "I see good things in Mo Douglass and I want to see him on the field playing," Ditka said.

Ditka didn't rule out more changes in the future. "We'll look at whatever combination we can to get it right," he said.

Duerson agreed that the problem the defense is having may stem from a lack of confidence. "We haven't been as cocky as we're accustomed to being," he said. "We're not as vocal. The big play has hurt us, but the majority of our problem is the individual — a want to get the job done. We're professional athletes and we can't let it happen to us."

Last Tuesday Ditka was very straightforward with what he thought about the defense. "We stink," he said. Later he said it was just his way of telling the players that he's concerned about what's happened. "If I didn't criticize, I wouldn't care," Ditka said.

PUNTER MAURY BUFORD HAD A TRYOUT with the Bears last Thursday. Buford lost his punting job with the Bears earlier this year to Bryan Wagner. Ditka is trying to push Wagner, who had a 52.7-yard average against Denver. But that was more because of good bounces he got.

Wagner has punted well in practice but has struggled a little in games. "The key to a punter and kicker is what you do under pressure," Ditka said. "It doesn't matter how you kick it on Thursday. He's got to kick it better in the game, and he knows that."

"His hang time is the best. But it's not happening in the game. That's the problem."

Ditka won't change punters yet, but he's letting Wagner know it could happen in the future. "I want him to know that you have a job when you earn a job," Ditka said. "If you don't earn the job anymore, then someone else is gonna get a look."

"You just want to keep yourself in a position where you can bring someone else in if something happens."

QUARTERBACK STEVE FULLER'S SHOULDER is coming along fine after surgery in August. And he's looking forward to practicing with the team in about three weeks.

"It's coming along very well," Fuller said. "I've been throwing three times a week, about 100 throws each time."

Fuller also is working on a Biodex machine, the same machine Jim McMahon used to rehabilitate his shoulder. Fuller also has been lifting weights and doing range-motion exercises.

Fuller injured his shoulder just before training camp opened while doing dips with weights.

Though he's close to coming back physically, Fuller knows that doesn't mean he'll immediately return to the active roster. "It would have to be an injury situation for me to get activated," Fuller said.

NEAL ANDERSON WAS SLOWED last week by a fractured rib he suffered in the second quarter of the Denver game and a bruised shoulder. He missed practice Wednesday and Thursday, though Ditka expected him to play some on Sunday.

By Thursday Anderson's rib was fine but he was still being bothered by the shoulder. Ditka said he would use Calvin Thomas and Matt Suhey more Sunday if Anderson was still hurting.

Jim McMahon was limping early in the week because of a sore ankle he got in the Denver game. He also hurt his shoulder and didn't throw in drills on Wednesday. But he was practicing fine by Thursday and started Sunday's game.

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CENTRAL ISSUES

Doleman switch working for Minnesota

By John Delcos



Minnesota Vikings

The switch is working.

In an effort to increase a lagging pass rush, the Vikings converted **LB Chris Doleman** to defensive end. Doleman likes his new role.

"I'm having fun getting to the quarterback," he said after sacking Tampa Bay's **Steve DeBerg** twice. DeBerg lost fumbles on both sacks, which the Vikings converted to 10 points.

Doleman went into last week's Atlanta game with 5½ sacks.

"I started looking left before I did anything else, because that's where Doleman was coming from," DeBerg said. "Guys like that change your offense."

NOTES: The Vikings' Great Quarterback Debate is over. **Tommy Kramer**, who completed only four of nine passes against Tampa Bay, won the job from **Wade Wilson**. **RB Darrin Nelson** seems to have recovered from a back injury suffered while carrying a stereo. He rushed for 103 yards in a victory over Tampa Bay. Minnesota drew 48,605 against the Buccaneers, its smallest non-strike crowd since the last game at Met Stadium. Placed **C Dennis Swilley** on Injured Reserve because of a broken right leg. With injuries to Swilley and **C Kirk Lowdermilk**, **LG David Huffman** moved to center and his position will be taken by **Mark MacDonald**. Waived long snapper **Wayne Jones** and signed **Cs Chris Foote** and **Sam Anno**. Running backs coach **Rollie Dotsch** is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.

Injuries - RB D.J. Dozier (ankle), **DT Tim Newton** (leg), **CB Reggie Rutland** (ankle), **RB Alfred Anderson** (neck), **LB David Howard** (ankle) and **CB Issaic Holt** (shoulder).

THIS WEEK: At Dallas (Thanksgiving). Cowboys lead, 10-5, including five of the last seven. Dallas won the last meeting, 37-24, in 1983.

THE STRETCH: Chicago, at Green Bay, at Detroit, Washington.

NFL RANKINGS: **Offense** - 21st (18th rush, 22nd pass). **Defense** - 9th (12th rush, 9th pass).



Detroit Lions

The Lions are happy with the development of **QB Chuck Long**, who won the starting job in his second year.

After a slow start, Long has been consistent since the end of the strike. His four-interception game at Washington was the exception.

Going into the Kansas City game, he has completed 132 of 219 passes (60.3 percent) for 1,429 yards, six touchdowns and 11 interceptions. The Lions are the 11th-ranked passing team in the NFL.

"We really believe our quarterback is going to make us a very fine football team before it's over," said Coach **Darryl Rogers**.

NOTES: **K Eddie Murray** is in the worst slump of his eight-year career. Going into last week's game against Chicago, Murray

made just eight of 17 field goal attempts, including three of 12 from 30 yards or longer. He went into the season converting nearly 75 percent of his field goal attempts. The Lions' losing streak to Washington has reached 12 games, the NFL's current longest streak.

Injuries - RB Garry James (shoulder), **FB Scott Williams** (shoulder), **OT Eric Sanders** (toe), **TE Rob Rubick** (knee) and **OT Lomas Brown** (leg).

THIS WEEK: Home to Kansas City (Thanksgiving). Series tied, 2-2.

THE STRETCH: Los Angeles Rams, at Tampa Bay, Minnesota, at Atlanta.

NFL RANKINGS: **Offense** - 25th (28th rush, 11th pass). **Defense** - 23rd (24th rush, 22nd pass).



Green Bay Packers

Football's bitterest rivalry resumes Sunday when the Packers play Chicago at Soldier Field. It was intense when **Kevin Butler** kicked a 52-yard field goal to beat the Packers a few weeks ago; it was intense 20 years ago.

It is hard to believe this is the 20th anniversary of the Packers' second Super Bowl.

Jerry Kramer captured the essence of the rivalry in his book *Instant Replay*. When one of the Packers told Vince Lombardi he was acting like the Bears' **George Halas**, he replied:

"Halas? Halas? Hah, hah. Halas. I can whip his butt. You whip the ballplayers and I'll whip him."

Of course, Kramer cleaned up the language in his book.

NOTES: **RB Brent Fullwood's** 46-yard kickoff return against Seattle was the club's longest of the year. He is fourth in the NFC in kickoff returns with a 23.7-yard average.

QB Alan Risher, who guided the Packers' replacement team to two victories, was re-signed. **QB Randy Wright** went into the Kansas City game with one interception since the strike.

Injuries - Wright (ankle), **DE Ezra Johnson** (foot), **NT Jerry Boyarsky** (leg) and **CB Mark Lee** (hamstring).

THIS WEEK: At Chicago. Chicago leads, 73-55-6. Bears have won seven of the last eight games, including a 26-24 decision Nov. 8.

THE STRETCH: San Francisco, Minnesota, at New York Giants, at New Orleans.

NFL RANKINGS: **Offense** - 19th (17th rush, 20th pass). **Defense** - 20th (18th rush, 21st pass).



Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Coach **Ray Perkins** is shaking up his offensive line.

Veteran **Marvin Powell**, who was ineffective at left tackle, will move to the right side where he's played most of his career. He was switched to the left side to protect the quarterback's blind side, but found he was a creature of habit. He split time with **J.D. Maarleveld**, but neither were effective.

ROT Ron Heller, a four-year veteran, will move to the left side. Maarleveld and Mark

Cooper, who was signed last week, will be the backups. Cooper played guard for Denver last season.

NOTES: The Buccaneers had only nine carries in a loss to Minnesota. **James Wilder**, the team's leading rusher, didn't carry once. **RB Don Smith** saw an Orlando doctor to get a second opinion on his injured back. Team physicians recommended surgery after discovering a slipped disk. **LB Ervin Randle** had 13 tackles against Minnesota.

Injuries - LB Jeff Davis (hamstring).

THIS WEEK: At Los Angeles Rams. Los Angeles leads, 6-2. Rams have won three straight, including the last meeting, a 26-20 overtime decision in 1986.

THE STRETCH: At New Orleans, Detroit, St. Louis, at Indianapolis.

NFL RANKINGS: **Offense** - 23rd (26th rush, 15th pass). **Defense** - 7th (10th rush, 8th pass).

QUOTEBOOK

Detroit Coach Darryl Rogers on his struggling team:

"One of these days we're going to win a game."

The public address announcer at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium in promoting Sunday's Green Bay-Kansas City game:

"Come to Arrowhead Stadium next Sunday and see the Chiefs against the Packers in a rematch of Super Bowl I."

Chicago RB Walter Payton on records:

"If I was in it for individual records, I would've quit long ago."

Chicago Coach Mike Ditka on his defense, which gave up 109 points in the first four post-strike games:

"We stink — period."



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INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Gayle	1	20	20	1
Rivera	1	4	4	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Wagner	3	95	31.7	0	2	41

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
McKinnon	3	2	-4	0	0
*Downed	1				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Sanders	2	37	23	0

FUMBLES
None

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS (Unofficial) Lions

	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Sheffield	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
McNorton	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Griffin	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Galloway	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sully	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cherry	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cofer	4	0	3½	26	0	0	0
Williams	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Green	5	1	½	11	0	0	0
Williams	3	2	1	6	0	0	0
Ferguson	5	1	3	20	0	0	0
Gay	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ball	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jamison	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Saleaumua	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibson	8	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kar	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bernard	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Forced Fumbles: none

	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Duerson	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gayle	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

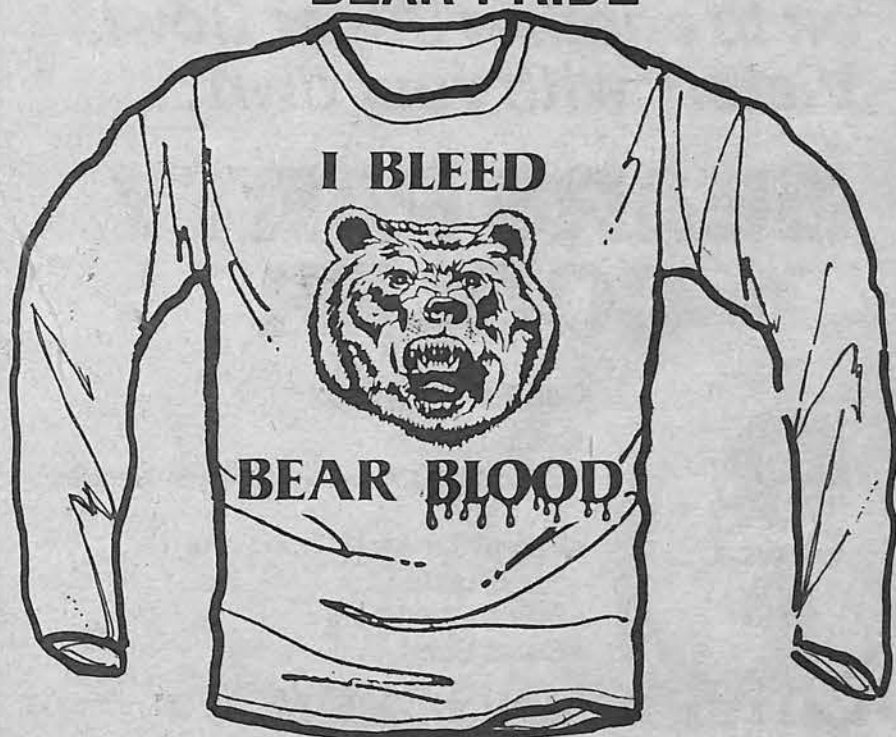
Douglass	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Singleary	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rivera	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Perry	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
McMichael	2	0	1	7	0	0	0
Dent	2	0	2	14	0	0	0



Wilber Marshall hits Detroit's Butch Woolfolk for just a two-yard gain in Sunday's Bear win over the Lions. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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Sanders and Emery Moorehead — for 50 yards.

Anderson said the play he scored on was a trap play. "There were some good blocks inside and I was able to cut back against the grain and get it to the end zone," he said.

Anderson was playing with a sore shoulder and a fractured rib, but he came out all right. "They hurt, but I don't think I did any more damage," he said. Sanders and Calvin Thomas saw more action in the backfield as a result of Anderson's injuries.

Ditka also wants to see his other backs get more playing time. "I just have confidence in everybody on this football team and I just want to see some of these guys get a chance to play and see what they can do," he said.

Rivera grabs interception

On the first play after the Lions got the ball back Rivera intercepted a Long pass to give Chicago the ball at Detroit's 21-yard line.

"We were in man coverage and I just jammed him," Rivera said. "When the ball was thrown I came over him and intercepted the ball."

Rivera said his teammates' confidence in him has helped his game. "I think the guys have more and more confidence in me as I play more and more," he said. "They're coming together and helping me a lot. And that's helping the way we're playing."

But after the interception the Bears had to settle for a 31-yard field goal by Kevin Butler for a 24-10 lead with 2:50 left in the half.

Chicago put three more points on the board in a hectic final 1:47 of the half. Mike Tomczak entered at quarterback for the Bears while McMahon sat on the sidelines with a mild concussion. McMahon returned to start the second half. From the Chicago 25, Tomczak moved the Bears to the Lions' 38 in four plays, including a roughing the passer penalty against Detroit. But Ditka got

upset with Tomczak after he couldn't get a play to him, so he put in rookie Jim Harbaugh for the first time in the regular season. After Harbaugh was sacked for a 15-yard loss, Tomczak came back in.

"I tried to get a play to him and he had already called two. I didn't know that," Ditka said. "And I wanted to make sure the one play was called so I sent in Harbaugh. It was really a good play, too."

On the next play Anderson gained 11 yards on the ground. Then Tomczak hit McKinnon for a 22-yard completion to the Lions' 20-yard line. Butler then came in and hit a 37-yard field goal as time ran out for a 27-10 Bears' lead at halftime.

Third quarter belongs to Bears

In the third quarter the Bears had two offensive series and held the ball for 13:56, but didn't score. The Lions ran just three offensive plays in the quarter.

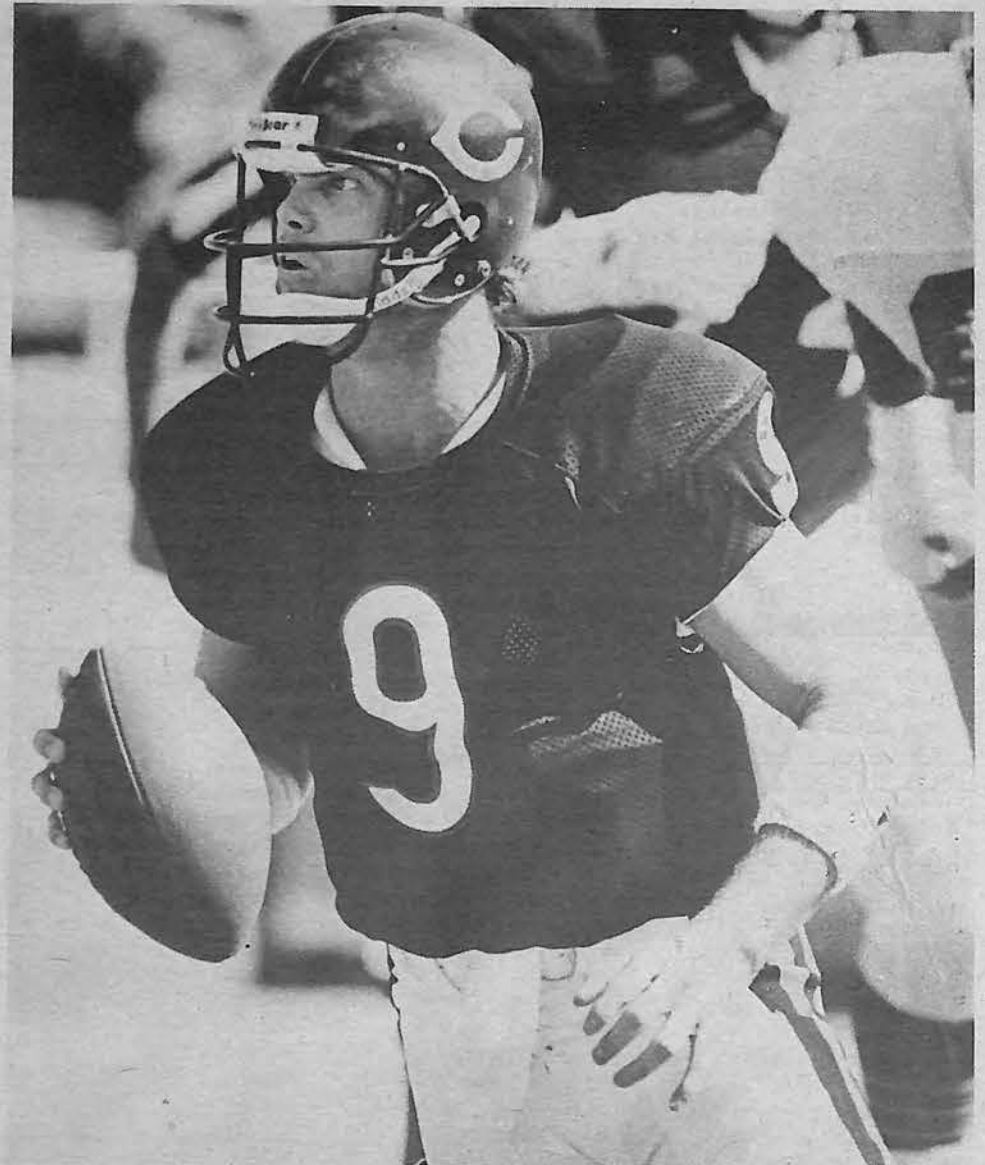
On the Bears' second series of the quarter, they ran 20 plays and moved 68 yards to the Detroit 26. From there on fourth and five, the Bears moved out of a field-goal formation, with Butler shifting to wide receiver, and Tomczak handed off to Wilber Marshall. But Marshall gained only one yard, giving Detroit the ball back on downs as the period ended.

In the fourth quarter the Bears added a 29-yard field goal by Butler for a 30-10 lead with 4:48 to play. The Bears started at their own one-yard line and drove 87 yards with help from a roughing the punter penalty on fourth down from their own eight.

That kept the drive going by giving the Bears a first down. Then on the next play McMahon threw a bomb to Gault, but Detroit's Ricky Smith was called for pass interference. That resulted in a 43-yard penalty, giving the Bears the ball at Detroit's 49. Twelve plays later Butler hit his third field goal of the game.



Ron Morris has given the Bears another threat at wide receiver, which has helped Chicago put more points on the board. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



The return of Jim McMahon has helped Chicago open up its offense this year. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

It's offense's turn to carry load

The Bears are different. They've changed. That's OK. It doesn't have to be sad. People change. Cheerleaders become stockbrokers. Mothers become grandmothers. The new Bears could be just as fun as the old ones, in their own way.

They still attack teams. But it's their offense that does the attacking now. Maybe those guys will start barking at opponents. Or baying at the moon. Or mooning opponents.

KEVIN LAMB



It's not 1985 anymore. William Perry fumbles at the goal line instead of rumbling across it. Richard Dent jumps offsides instead of jumping on loose balls. Receivers run free as wild horses against the Bears' defense. Receivers run free for the Bears' offense.

They're no longer a ball-control and defense stronghold. Coach Mike Ditka said after the Denver game that the running game would become merely a complement to the passing game. The Bears are a passing team now.

They win shootouts instead of shutouts. Sometimes they lose shootouts. That happens. There's more margin for error when

you win with passing than when you win with defense.

When they lost 31-29 at Denver, the Bears gave up 439 yards. When they won three playoff games, including the Super Bowl, the 1985 Bears gave up 434 yards.

The Denver game completed a string of four in which the Bears had allowed 109 points. In their last 13 games in 1985, they gave up 110, and that included 38 at Miami. They had a nine-game stretch last year when they gave up 97 points.

But it's not just the Bears. Scoring is up all over the league. You wouldn't know it from the NFL stats because the league foolishly and stubbornly refuses to separate the games with real players from the games during the strike. But in the first six games with real players, teams averaged 22.7 points per game, compared to 20.5 through six games last year.

Offensive explosion happening

That may not sound like such a big jump, 2.2 points a game. But consider this. It's more than 10 percent. It's more than the 1.8-point increase in 1979, when everyone hailed the dawning of a new offensive era. It's more than the 21.8-point average in 1983, the previous NFL high.

The league is going through an offensive explosion. The offenses have caught up with the defense. That's only reasonable, if they've figured out how to beat the Bears' defense. The Bears' aggressive defense has served as everyone else's model, to one degree or another.

Blitzing doesn't work anymore, not the way it used to. Even in 1985, receivers ran free against the Bears, but it didn't matter because blitzers ran free for the Bears. Quarterbacks didn't have time to find receivers. Now blitzers don't run free. Offenses have figured out how to block them. And they've

figured out how to get receivers open more quickly, with quick, timing pass plays.

But once again, the Bears are ahead of the pack. Their offense is ready to pick up the slack.

Pittsburgh went through the same change in the late '70s. Its defense won its first two Super Bowls. Then offenses caught on, and the Steeler defense wasn't so formidable. The Steeler offense had to carry the team through the next two Super Bowl victories.

More recently, Miami went to the Super Bowl with a 1982 team that ranked first in NFL defense and 19th in offense. Two years later, the Dolphins were in a Super Bowl with the No. 1 offense and the No. 19 defense.

But the Dolphins didn't win. Their defense

slipped too far. The Steelers' defense stayed respectable. That's all the Bears' defense has to do, be respectable. It doesn't have to dominate anymore. It hasn't even been respectable lately, but it has the people to get back to that level. The offense can take care of the rest.

The Bears changed because their need to score points coincided with their ability to score points. In other words, the defense went south at the same time quarterback Jim McMahon returned.

It's a difficult thing, changing the character of a team. By going from ball control to air show, the Bears have had to change line-blocking techniques and play-calling tactics.

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BEARS SEASON STATISTICS

WON % LOST %

Sept 14	W 34-19	Giants	65,704
Sept 20	W 20-3	Tampa Bay	63,551
Oct 4	W 35-3	at Philadelphia	4,074
Oct 11	W 27-7	Minnesota	32,113
Oct 18	L 17-19	New Orleans	46,813
Oct 25	W 27-26	at Tampa Bay	70,747
Nov 1	W 31-28	Kansas City	63,498
Nov 8	W 26-24	at Green Bay	53,320
Nov 16	L 29-31	at Denver	75,783
Nov 22		Detroit	
Nov 29		Green Bay	
Dec 6		at Minnesota	
Dec 14		at San Francisco	
Dec 20		Seattle	
Dec 27		at Raiders	

Bears Opponents

TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	179	161
Rushing	68	42
Passing	89	102
Penalty	22	17
3rd Down: Made/Att	43/127	49/141
4th Down: Made/Att	8/15	2/8
TOTAL NET YARDS	2952	2508
Avg. Per Game	328.0	278.7
Total Plays	611	614
Avg. Per Play	4.8	4.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	1099	782
Avg. Per Game	122.1	86.9
Total Rushes	283	247
NET YARDS PASSING	1853	1726
Avg. Per Game	205.9	191.8
Tackled/Yards Lost	28/194	45/333
Gross Yards	2047	2059
Att./Completions	300/167	322/158
Completion Pct.	55.7	49.1
Had Intercepted	14	7
PUNTS/AVERAGE	39/40.2	55/39.4
NET PUNTING AVG.	32.3	29.4
PENALTIES/YARDS	58/436	77/634
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	18/9	26/10
TOUCHDOWNS	31	19
Rushing	9	2
Passing	17	14
Returns	5	3

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
BEARS	55	83	42	66	0	246
OPPONENTS	55	54	19	32	0	160

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BEARS	55	83	42	66	0	246	
OPPONENTS	55	54	19	32	0	160	
SCORING	TD-Ru	Pa-Rt	PAT	FG	S	TP	
Butler	0	0	0	17/19	8/14	0	41
Gault	0	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
Anderson	2	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
Lashar	0	0	0	10/10	3/4	0	19
Brewer	2	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Kozlowski	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
W.Payton	2	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Boso	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
McKinnon	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	12

McMahon	2	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Gentry	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Heimuli	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Kindt	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
McCray	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Mosley	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Ko.Morris	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tomczak	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
BEARS	9	17	5	27/31	11/18	0	246
OPPONENTS	2	14	3	16/19	10/17	0	160

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Butler	0/0	6/6	0/0	1/4	1/4
Lashar	0/0	3/3	0/0	0/1	0/0
BEARS	0/0	9/9	0/0	1/5	1/4
OPPONENTS	0/0	3/4	2/6	5/7	0/0

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Anderson	76	356	4.7	t38	2
W.Payton	71	233	3.3	15	2
Heimuli	34	128	3.8	12	0
Mosley	18	80	4.4	16	0
Hohensee	9	56	6.2	26	0
Brewer	24	55	2.3	16	2
McMahon	10	31	3.1	13	2
S.Payton	1	28	28.0	28	0
Thomas	11	27	2.5	5	0
F.Harris	6	23	3.8	18	0
Gentry	3	21	7.0	12	0
Sanders	5	21	4.2	6	0
Tomczak	4	15	3.8	10	1
Clark	5	11	2.2	5	0
Gault	1	9	9.0	9	0
Wolden	2	8	4.0	7	0
Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0
Perry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bradley	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
BEARS	283	1099	3.9	t38	9
OPPONENTS	247	782	3.2	20	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Anderson	35	360	10.3	t59	2
Gault	19	454	23.9	t56	5
W.Payton	19	92	4.8	16	1
Kozlowski	15	199	13.3	28	3
Moorehead	14	129	9.2	27	0

PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
McMahon	134	82	1052	61.2	7.85	8	6.0	5	3.7	t59	13/78	90.1
Tomczak	73	43	496	58.9	6.79	3	4.1	4	5.5	t56	2/26	70.3
Hohensee	52	28	343	53.8	6.60	4	7.7	1	1.9	28	3/19	92.1
S.Payton	23	8	79	34.8	3.43	0	0.0	1	4.3	20	7/47	27.3
Bradley	18	6	77	33.3	4.28	2	11.1	3	16.7	t18	3/24	45.1
BEARS	300	167	2047	55.7	6.82	17	5.7	14	4.7	t59	28/194	76.3
OPPONENTS	322	158	2059	49.1	6.39	14	4.3	7	2.2	51	45/333	75.1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	Total	Solo	Assists	PD's	FR's	FC	BL	Sacks/Yc
Dave Duerson	63	36	27	1	1	1	0	1 / 0
Todd Bell	48	27	21	1	0	1	0	1 / 4
Wilber Marshall	50	27	23	2	1	1	0	5 / 22
Otis Wilson	36	16	20	2	0	0	0	5.5 / 52
Mike Singletary	55	33	22	2	1	2	0	2 / 14
Richard Dent	20	10	10	3	2	3	0	4 / 40
William Perry	28	14	14	2	0	0	0	1 / 10
Steve McMichael	28	15	13	2	0	0	0	.5 / 5
Reggie Phillips	23	11	12	9	0	0	0	0 / 0
Dan Hampton	17	9	8	2	0	1	1	2 / 9
Vestee Jackson	17	10	7	8	0	0	0	0 / 0
Gary Fencik	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Jim Morrissey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Will Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Maurice Douglass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Ron Rivera	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Al Harris	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0 / 0
Sean Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Mike Richardson	9	8	1	4	0	0	0	0 / 0
Shaun Gayle	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 / 0

SACKS: McInerney 6.5, Wilson 5.5, Marshall 5.0, Dent 4.0, Norvell 4.0, Althoff 3.5, B.Bell 3.5, Hampton 2.0, Norris 2.0, Singletary 2.0, Teafatiller 1.5, T.Bell 1.0, Duerson 1.0, January 1.0, Ra.Morris 1.0, Perry 1.0, McMichael 0.5, BEARS 45.0, OPPONENTS 28.0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Gentry	17	461	27.1	t88	1
Sanders	4	89	22.3	42	0
Kozlowski	3	72	24.0	31	0
Lynch	3	66	22.0	37	0
T.Bell	1	18	18.0	18	0
Knapczyk	1	14	14.0	14	0
Milton	1	10	10.0	10	0
Mosley	1	17	17.0	17	0
White	1	17	17.0	17	0
BEARS	32	764	23.9	t88	1
OPPONENTS	35	664	19.0	33	0

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NFL NOTEBOOK

Payton's versatility biggest asset: Madden

The whispers about Walter Payton's decline in production and ability are getting louder. The latest opinion comes from John Madden, the highly-respected former Raider coach and current TV analyst.

Asked in general to talk about indications

a blocker and pass catcher has enabled him to last longer than a one dimensional Tony Dorsett-type back. "A guy like that (Payton) can lose a step and can not be able to get around the corner, but he can still block and catch," Madden said.

BRIAN HEWITT



that a running back is slipping, Madden told the Dallas Morning-News: "You could see a corner he could get around, and he couldn't get around it any more. He sees an opening and he just can't get there any more."

"Sometimes I get a feeling with Walter Payton that he can see something there but he can't get there. He's lost a step." Madden pointed out that Payton's versatility as

THROWBACKS:

In the last 40 regular season games (prior to the Denver loss) Bear running backs had caught a higher percentage of the team's total completions than backs on any other team in the league.

The top five and their percentage:

1. Bears — 42.1.
2. Dallas — 41.4.
3. San Francisco — 40.4.
4. Denver — 38.9.
5. Pittsburgh — 38.4.

The five lowest are:

1. Washington — 19.4.
2. New Orleans — 23.4.
3. Atlanta — 25.6.
4. The Rams — 26.1.
5. Seattle — 27.7.

The league average during that same period is 33.4%.

TEXAS STRANGERS:

The strain of Dallas' 27-17 recent loss to

hapless Detroit may have affected the solid and longtime relationship between Cowboy GM Tex Schramm and coach Tom Landry.

On a radio show the day after the game Schramm became upset when he heard Landry had said the Cowboys were "flat" against the Lions.

"Some of the things we're doing are, frankly, mystifying," Schramm said. "It's very seldom I put myself in the position of giving the players a reason for losing. But I'm not sure it (the blame) is all on the players."

"I'm not unhappy with Tom," Schramm clarified two days later. "I'm unhappy with the direction our team is going. I'm very disturbed about a lot of things happening with this team."

Responded Landry to Schramm's initial radio comments: "Maybe I should start listening to this radio program."

Asked if he felt Schramm was looking over his shoulder, Landry said, "Nope. You can look for that, if you want to, I suppose. But that's never been my nature."

RAM TOUGH?

It's probably no coincidence that the Ram defense has suffered from the controversy surrounding and eventual trade of running back Eric Dickerson to Indianapolis.

Through eight games the Rams currently ranked 17th against the rush after ranking seventh, third, fourth and eighth the last four years. The Rams allowed a whopping 232 yards rushing to the Saints Nov. 8.

"It was the worst that we've played defensively in my time with the Rams," said coach John Robinson after the New Orleans loss. Robinson labeled the tackling "abysmal."

Said nose tackle Greg Meisner: "What's going on? I've just got no clue. We're just getting our faces rubbed in the dirt. We're already at the bottom of the well. But we keep getting kicked down further and further."

DICKER, DICKER:

Dickerson, meanwhile, is no less sympathetic to the financial plight of the common man than the common man was to his claims that he was underpaid. Says Dickerson implacably:

"The average person just says, 'I have three or four kids and I'm making \$40,000 a year and I'm barely making ends meet. Why is this guy — he's making \$600,000 — why is he complaining?'"

"Well first of all, I didn't make the guy have four or five kids. Second of all, if he's a mailman or whatever, he chose that profession. I didn't choose his career for him. If he wants to make \$600,000, \$800,000, he should have played professional football, been an attorney or (played) basketball."

TOM FOOLERY:

When Raider coach Tom Flores announced at a recent luncheon that Marc Wil-

son would start at quarterback, Raider linebacker Matt Millen placed a napkin on his head and giggled. Several Raiders players have been vocal the last several years about their lack of confidence in the immobile Wilson.

\$60 MILLION MEN:

The league has already paid back the television networks \$20 million of the \$60 million that was agreed upon as compensation from the NFL to the stations as a result of revenues lost from the strike.

Another \$20 million was to have been deducted recently from rights fees owed. The final \$20 million will be deducted from next year's payments.

THE WYCHE WATCH:

The Bengals keep giving head coach Sam Wyche votes of confidence for this year. And it keeps looking less and less like Wyche will be back in 1988. "We don't even think about next year until we've had a chance to study the one we're going through," said Bengals' owner Paul Brown. "It's a long way away. Seven games."

In three of his four years Wyche has started the season 2-5 or worse. In 1984 it was 2-6, in 1985 it was 2-5. His career record in the first half of the season is 12-20. He is 15-9 in second half games.

NOTES AND QUOTES:

"I must not be the type of runner the Cowboys were looking for," said Dallas back Herschel Walker when asked about his continued role as a wide receiver. "If that's true, I'd rather they let me play somewhere else where I am that type of runner." Walker then went out and rushed for 173 yards against New England.

The loudest cheer in Anaheim Stadium during Week Eight came when the public address man announced San Diego had come from behind to beat Eric Dickerson and the Colts. The fans booed when Rams owner Georgia Frontiere left the field.

Dickerson's fumble late in the Charger game was the 50th of his five-year career.

Since 1980 there have been 19 win streaks of seven games or more in a single season.

Former Oilers and Saints coach Bum Phillips is the only coach past or present to defeat all 28 NFL teams. Seattle coach Chuck Knox (formerly with the Bills and the Rams) has beaten everybody but St. Louis.



John Madden believes Walter Payton's versatility as a running back and receiver has kept him in the league for 13 years. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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SIDELINES

Blocking
earns Gault
attention

Willie Gault earned some national recognition in the Monday night game against Denver with a pair of touchdown catches. But he's also getting a lot of recognition from coach Mike Ditka for his blocking.

"When you watch the films, I've never seen Willie work harder," Ditka said. "He works hard in practice and he's blocking as well as any receiver I've seen in football."

That's high praise from a coach who isn't easy to impress, but Gault has taken it in stride. He said he's not really doing anything differently this year to improve his blocking.

"People are starting to notice it more," he said. "And coaches are starting to notice it more and point it out. I'm pleased with what I've been doing. I just have to maintain it and not get complacent."

Gault said he knew he had to work hard at blocking from the moment he became a Bear. "My blocking's coming in handy now because I learned how to block then," he said. "The running backs really look forward to the wide receivers making a block outside because they can make a touchdown out of it. Since I've been here I've done a lot of blocking. With the Bears you're going to do more blocking than catching passes, so I'm just doing my job."

Ditka believes Gault is doing his job this year as well as he ever has. "He's hustling and trying. And good things are happening for him and he deserves it," Ditka said. "He's worked very hard. He has a gift of speed and has other gifts, too. And they're starting to surface."

Bear of the week: Jim Harbaugh

Age: 23
Birthplace: Kalamazoo, MI
Height: 6-3
Weight: 205
College: Michigan
Major: Communications
Marital status: Single

Hobbies: Going to see movies, golf and watching old reruns on television.

Favorite movies: Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Caddyshack and Animal House.

The most recent book I've read: Presumed Innocent.

Favorite actors: James Garner, Harrison Ford and Mickey Rourke.

Favorite musician: Bruce Springsteen.

Heroes: People who succeed despite insurmountable odds.

Favorite childhood memory: Playing football at recess.

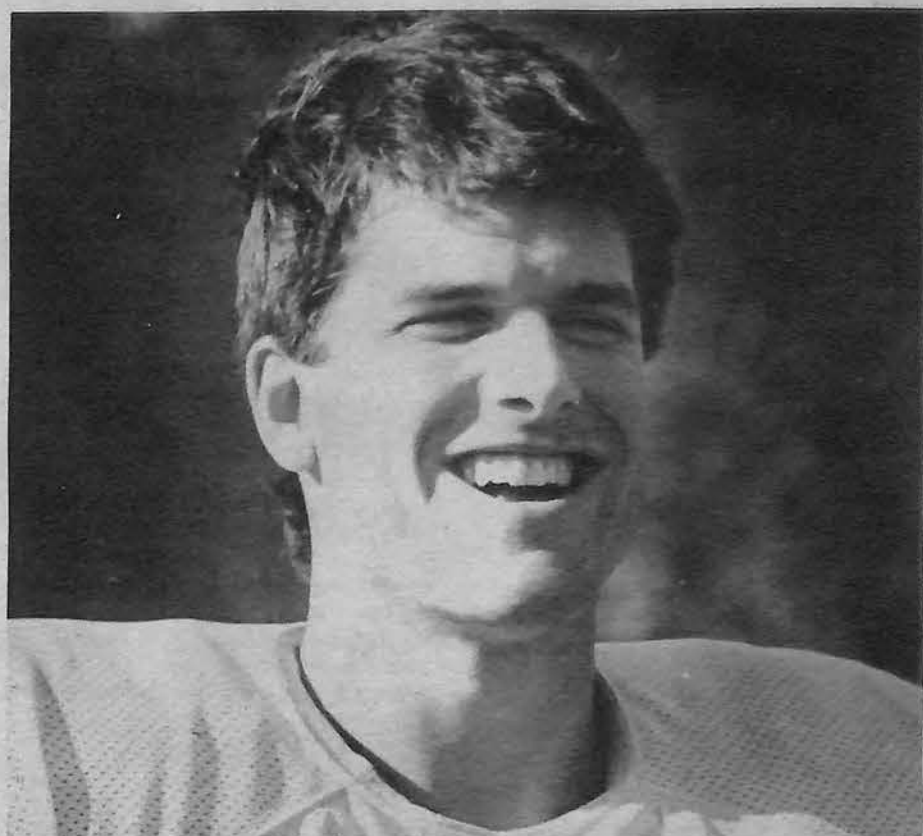
The best advice I've ever got: Whenever you're going to do something, though it may never be known to anybody but yourself, pretend like the whole world is watching and act accordingly. It's a quote by Thomas Jefferson I read in a book.

The weirdest thing I've ever done: After I graduated from college I had a car-bashing party for my 1970 VW Bug. All my friends came over and took sledgehammers to it.

Philosophy of life: Good things will happen to people who work hard.

The worst part of my job: Having to do this thing for the *Bear Report*.

My fantasy is: To throw a last-second



touchdown pass to Cap Boso to win the Super Bowl.

Favorite television show: The Rockford Files.

Favorite pig-out foods: Clam chowder, prime rib and french fries.

The car I drive: Jimmy 4x4.

My friends in high school thought

I was: Too competitive.

Life after football: I'm putting all my effort into being a success in football right now. It's good to plan for the future, but you get paid too well to play football to worry about other things. I'm just putting my effort into football right now.

Lamb

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That doesn't happen overnight. But it happened Monday night at Denver. The play mix was brilliant. McMahon had his first 300-yard game passing, and Walter Payton ran for 73 yards on 12 carries.

McMahon has never looked better. His throwing shoulder is 13 months from full surgical recovery, but his passing arm looks stronger. Maybe even at this stage of his rehab, McMahon's shoulder is healthier than it was for years while the springs popped loose one by one.

But the new Bears are more than McMahon. They're Willie Gault and Neal Anderson and Dennis McKinnon and Ron Morris lined up across the field. They're speed. And speed can terrorize an opponent just as well as blitzing.

Of those four receivers, including Anderson in the backfield, only Gault played much last year. He's a monster receiver now, a threat to score on any play.

He's a complete receiver, too. With two touchdowns, Gault had his national showcase game against Denver. When he wasn't running away from hapless defenders, he was running into them and still catching the ball. He should be in the Pro Bowl.

Maybe Gault would have started shining last year with a better passing game around him. Certainly McKinnon, Anderson and Morris have helped. They've made defenses spread out. They've watered the soup McMahon must throw into. That makes it easier to get open.

McKinnon kept one drive going at Denver by catching the ball on his back as he made a hook slide. Morris kept another alive by snagging a high pass like a book off a shelf and spinning around his defender.

And McMahon can elevate a team by himself. The Bears won his last 25 starts before Denver, plus two wins he sparked in relief. Otherwise, they're 17-8 in that stretch. They won a Super Bowl with him. They haven't been there without him.

The Bears' new reliance on McMahon "could make him even more dangerous," said Sid Gillman, the Hall-of-Fame coach known for developing quarterbacks. At Green Bay, coach Mike Ditka said, "He didn't have his best day, and yet he had a good day." McMahon is like a pitcher who can finesse a shutout even when his fastball isn't hopping. He finds another way to win.

He runs for first downs and audibles for touchdowns. McMahon's leadership goes beyond prodding teammates in the huddle. The other Bears know he can make games turn around faster than the stock market, so they push their aching bodies that are begging to rest.

Lots of quarterbacks are called improvisors, because they turn broken plays into big plays. But McMahon doesn't just scramble around with a wake of fallen pass rushers so receivers have time to get open. McMahon's the only one who's unpredictable in the pocket, too.

Bear linebacker Ron Rivera faced Elway in college and called him "phenomenal" then and now. "But Jimmy has something over Elway, almost a sixth sense. Those are the quarterbacks you fear." That unpredictability short-circuits an opponent's computer, reduces its game plan to guesswork.

John Elway is bigger, stronger and faster. He can throw the ball harder and farther. He's capable of unbelievably great games, as he had in beating the Bears. He's a delightful guy, the sort you'd want your sister to marry.

But McMahon, over the long haul, is the sort of guy you'd want your sister to bet on.

All-time
coaching records

Years	Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Seasons	Games
1920-67	George Halas	480	202	35	.694	40	717
	Regular Season	320	148	31	.672		499
	Pre-Season	154	51	4	.746		209
	Playoffs	6	3	0	.667		9
1930-32	Ralph Jones	30	11	8	.694	3	49
	Regular Season	24	10	7	.671		41
	Pre-Season	5	1	1	.786		7
	Playoffs	1	0	0	1.000		1
1942-45	Anderson & Johnsons	30	15	2	.660	3	47
	Regular Season	22	11	2	.657		35
	Pre-Season	7	3	0	.700		10
	Playoffs	1	1	0	.500		2
1956-57	John L. Driscoll	23	12	2	.649	2	37
	Regular Season	14	9	1	.604		24
	Pre-Season	9	2	1	.792		12
	Playoffs	0	1	0	.000		1
1968-71	Jim Dooley	31	47	1	.399	4	79
	Regular Season	20	36	0	.357		56
	Pre-Season	11	11	1	.500		23
	Playoffs	0	0	0	.000		0
1972-74	Abe Giron	16	40	4	.300	3	60
	Regular Season	11	30	1	.274		42
	Pre-Season	5	10	3	.361		18
	Playoffs	0	0	0	.000		0
1975-77	Jack Pardee	30	32	0	.484	3	62
	Regular Season	20	22	0	.476		42
	Pre-Season	10	9	0	.526		19
	Playoffs	0	1	0	.000		1
1978-81	Neill Armstrong	36	45	0	.444	4	81
	Regular Season	30	34	0	.469		64
	Pre-Season	6	10	0	.375		16
	Playoffs	0	1	0	.000		1
1982-86	Mike Ditka	64	36	0	.640	5	100
	Regular Season	50	23	0	.685		73
	Pre-Season	10	11	0	.476		21
	Playoffs	4	2	0	.666		6

VIEWPOINT

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McMahon a good guy to idolize

Dear Doug,

I'm very happy that the strike is over, as now I can finally have my dream of seeing the real Chicago Bears play real football. I am also very enthusiastic because I know Jim McMahon, my idol, is coming back.

Anyone who says it's not good to have Jim McMahon as an idol is dead wrong because Jim sets an excellent model. He always says what he believes in, unlike many others. Jim, you are the best. I hope I get a chance to see you play when I fly out there from Rhode Island.

But before I fly out there to see the Bears maul the Packers on Nov. 29th, I'd like to cover one issue, the strike. During this strike, many so-called fans decided to continue to go to games and support management, while still other fans chose to call the striking players spoiled brats, etc.

The players are making money (lots of it) because they deserve it. If any of the so-called fans could only open their eyes and see the rigorous workouts and the training

camp in 105-degree heat. Those players deserve what they make.

I have written to the Bear Report once before and am a 14-year old girl, but I think I have a more life-like view of a professional football player than some of these fans.

Michele Dufault
Narragansett, RI

Fencik deserves better

Nov. 11, 1987

Dear Doug,

I am writing this letter because I think Gary Fencik is getting a raw deal.

In the last three weeks Steve DeBerg (Tampa Bay), Bill Kenney (Kansas City) and Randy Wright (Green Bay) have made Chicago's defensive backs look like high school players. Now with Dan Hampton and Otis Wilson out, and John Elway's Denver Broncos coming up, I cringe to think what will happen.

I don't remember the Bears ever getting burned like this when Fencik was in the lineup. I realize he can't outrun or catch up

to guys like Gault, Duper, Clayton, etc., but he was always, in the past, close enough to at least be in the vicinity of the ball. All we see down here on television in Virginia is Reggie Phillips', Vestee Jackson's and Todd Bell's backs 10 or 15 yards behind the receiver.

Out of respect, if nothing else, let Fencik go out with the class that he has given the Bear organization over the years.

Robert Smith
Chesapeake, VA

Why would Tobin change defense?

Dear Doug,

Living in California and being a die-hard Bear fan you can imagine how much I look forward to receiving the Bear Report every week. I've never written before because I felt what difference would my comments make? But now my love for the Bears, and after watching the Green Bay Packers game, drives me to ask this question — Did Vince Tobin take the fire out, the chip off and the ferocity away from the greatest defense in football?

Though they played like the Bears of old against the Giants, I read that Wilber Marshall (after the Bear defense let the Giants move down the field with relative ease) went up to Vince Tobin and asked, "Can we play our defense now?" Otis Wilson had also been heard saying, "Give us our wings, let us loose."

I think that says it all. Why would Tobin try to fix what's not broken? Pride? Ignorance? Watching teams running through and passing over the defense that other teams name their defenses after makes me sick. Granted, we won and I'm glad to see the Mac attack back, but Kansas City, Tampa Bay and Green Bay are not Washington or San Francisco.

For the first time in a long time I'm holding my breath when the defense comes on

the field. Remember the great attacking, swarming defense of yesteryear, when Ryan's express not only held offenses scoreless but scored themselves. The Bears should start playing the defense they were born to play, the one that took them to the Super Bowl in 1985 and the one they will need to play to take them to the Super Bowl this year — despite what Vince Tobin thinks. I'm having woof-woof withdrawals.

Dan Rosenbaum
Los Angeles, CA

Bears should watch 73-0 win

Dear Doug,

I was sitting in my favorite pool hall and social club drinking what I remember as not too potable 3.2 percent beer right after prohibition had been repealed. Those of us at the bar were listening to a radio description of the Bears beating the Redskins 73-0 for the NFL championship.

Being an old and senile geezer, I can remember all the thrills and the feeling of relaxation which went with that score, but not the date which I'm sure you can supply.

I have a complaint which I want to direct through the Bear Report to Ditka and the Cardiac Kids — enough is enough! Can't you guys put them away in the first half? Couldn't a trustworthy, Bear fan hypnotist be hired to convince McMahon and Co. that the first and second quarters were really the third and fourth? If this fails there must be a film of that Redskins game in the files.

Please, Mr. Ditka, do us a favor. Make the watching of this film an integral part of the team's weekly preparation. If nothing can be done, of course, I'll just keep the nitroglycerin pills handy and enjoy. I really don't care how you do it, Bears, just keep doing it right through the Super Bowl.

Tom Sanders
Dallas, TX

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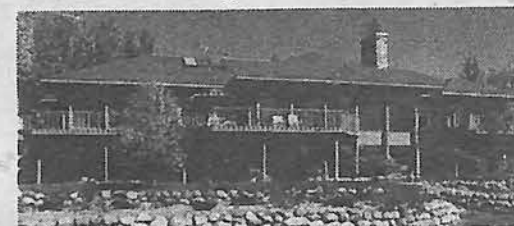
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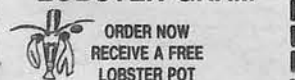
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